

CAPABILITIES

In efforts to expand capacity, **A.F. Leis Company** has just invested \$1.25MM in capital equipment.

Bargas Medical added passivation/cleaning capabilities to its core operations and is certified to ASTM-A967. Bargas Medical continues to broaden in-house capabilities to better serve the needs of its customers in the medical device market.

Due to continued increases in demand for their domestic production capabilities of forging based hand held instruments, **PAK Manufacturing** is embarking on an ambitious expansion program to add additional multi-axis CNC equipment, including wire EDM, strengthen its programming and metrology capabilities through the purchase of upgraded CAM systems and sophisticated automatic inspection equipment, and recruit technical support personnel.

Precision Technology, Inc. added eight Mori Seiki machine tools to its production and prototype cells, including turning centers, 5-axis VMCs, mill turns, etc. The added capacity allows PTI to expand its services for their strategic partners and offer reduced lead times.

Symmetry Medical filed for an initial public offering of as much as \$173MM in common stock. The company applied for a New York Stock Exchange listing under the symbol "SMA."

Troy Innovative Instruments, Inc. added a Haas 5 axis VF 2 SS High Speed CNC mill and an L32 Swiss turning center to their equipment list. The company also changed its classification and ownership status and is now a Woman Owned Small Business.

CERTIFICATIONS

A.F. Leis has been upgraded to ISO 9001:2000 certification.

BCS Machine Company successfully completed an FDA Audit, complying to Federal CGMP requirements for the processing of Class I and II Medical Devices.

Friedrich Daniels, GmbH achieved ISO 13485:2003 Certification in addition to its previous certification of ISO 9001:2000.

Holmed Corporation has been approved by TUV for ISO 9001:2000 Certification, which allows for manufacturing and design control of orthopaedic instruments.

Holmed Corporation was recently awarded the "Certificate to Foreign Government" by the FDA, which allows the company to manufacture and deliver products outside the U.S.

Holmed Corporation was also awarded the "Certificate of Exportability," which allows the company to manufacture and ship spinal implants outside the U.S.

Marox Corporation received ISO 13485 certification.

COLLABORATIONS

CeramTec is 1 of 4 companies to be acquired by Rockwood Specialties to form a specialty chemicals group. Current research and development projects include using CeramTec's expertise in ceramic components for artificial hip joints to develop a new generation of implants. The company posted 2003 sales of ~US\$285MM.

The Doncasters Group announced the formation of **Doncasters Medical Technologies**, a dedicated medical device manufacturing service.

MedicineLodge entered into a strategic alliance with **A.F. Leis** to provide concept to packaged product solutions to medical original equipment manufacturers.

MedSource Technologies entered into a definitive merger agreement to be **acquired by UTI Corporation** in a cash transaction valued at ~\$230MM. The acquisition is expected to close in the summer of 2004.

Three former Centerpulse executives joined forces to create **Path4**, a strategic consulting firm that will provide services to companies and physicians in the orthopaedic sector (e.g. product/technology commercialization; strategic solutions; advising/consulting with surgeons on improvement of competitive position).

RECOGNITIONS

Huron Tool, a leading supplier of premium orthopaedic cutting tools, is proud to announce that Tony Riviuccio has joined their team as Operations Manager. In this new position, he will have direct responsibility for all aspects of the manufacturing processes at Huron. Tony brings over 28 years of orthopaedic production experience from Howmedica to Huron, most recently as Director, Instrument Manufacturing.

PAK Orthopaedics is very pleased and excited to announce the appointment of Janis Schumacher Perry as Senior Sales Representative-Midwest Region. Janis joins PAK from EMJ Metals where she enjoyed a 17 year professional sales career, first in Cincinnati, and most recently in Memphis. Her experience and contacts within the orthopaedic community will serve her well as she provides direct sales and marketing support in Memphis for our client companies including **Huron Tool, Mark Machine, PAK Manufacturing and Precision Technology**.

Southeastern Technology was awarded "Machining Supplier of the Year" for 2003 at Smith & Nephew's annual supplier symposium. This award signifies Southeastern Technology's commitment to providing customers with world class technical and machining services.