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News of people and events important to the Lubrication Management community

EMERSON ACQUIRES THE AUTOMATION GROUP

Emerson today announced that it has acquired The Automation Group (TAG) of Houston, TX. TAG becomes part of Emerson Process Management, expanding Emerson's capabilities for providing technical and management services for the design, engineering and implementation of process automation systems for the refinery, petrochemical, oil and gas production and other industries. Terms of the deal were not announced. TAG has branches in Corpus Christi, TX, Bloomington, MN, Concord, CA and Baton Rouge, LA. It supports all of the leading process automation systems and will continue to do so.

SYCLO AND IBM EXPAND MARKETING PARTNERSHIP

Syclo has announced an updated and expanded marketing partnership with long-time alliance partner IBM. For the past decade, Syclo has had a strong relationship with MRO Software (MRO). With IBM's acquisition of MRO, that relationship is expected to grow. The expansion will allow Syclo to maintain closer relationships with its customer base and give the company the ability to directly offer services and support. Current and prospective IBM Maximo users can purchase Syclo SMART for MAXIMO products either directly from Syclo or from IBM.

MRC BEGINS MATCHING UP SUMMER ENGINEERING INTERNS

The Maintenance and Reliability Center (MRC) of the College of Engineering at the University of Tennessee – Knoxville is actively seeking to match up engineering students with companies for its 2008 Summer Intern Program. According to the center's director, Tom Byerley, MRC currently has 25 company applications on file. He encourages other organizations interested in participating in this year's program to submit their applications ASAP. The earlier a company completes the application process, the better the chance for having its intern requirements met. Information on the program and applications (one per each intern a company is willing to place) are available from the MRC Website: www.engr.utk.edu/mrc

ASSOCIATION NEWS

HYDRAULIC INSTITUTE (HI) SEEKS COMMENTS ON STANDARDS

The Hydraulic Institute (HI), under the approval of the American National Standards Institute (ANSI), is seeking qualified individuals in North America to participate in the review process for the drafts of two updated standards: ANSI/HI 2.4, Rotodynamic (Vertical) Pumps for Installation, Operation, and Maintenance Manuals; and ANSI/HI 9.6.2, Rotodynamic (Centrifugal and Vertical) Pumps – Allowable Nozzle Loads. (Details on which equipment is covered by or excluded from the updated material can be found on www.pumps.org)

Individuals and organizations in North America directly and materially affected by these standards are asked to contact HI for details on how they might participate in the upcoming ANSI/HI canvasses. Such parties include pump users and specifiers, producers, standards developers, government agencies and general interest groups. E-mail Karen Anderson, Administrator, Technical Affairs, at kanderson@pumps.org , or call (973) 267-9700 x 23.

(EDITOR'S NOTE: HI periodically introduces new standards based on industry needs. The current Edition of ANSI/HI Standards comprises over 1500 pages and 27 documents.)

SMRP ASKS FOR INPUT ON BODY OF KNOWLEDGE

The SMRP Body of Knowledge—the basis for CMRP examination question specifications—must be reviewed periodically to ensure that it is current and complete. Your participation in an online survey is needed to help validate the new revised edition. Broad participation from SMRP members and the public will help strengthen SMRP's ANSI-accredited certification program.

The survey asks you to rate the importance of various job tasks to success in maintenance and reliability operations. It also asks for anonymous demographic information that will help demonstrate breadth of industry representation and experience of survey respondents. Use the survey experience to help point out professional development opportunities that can help improve your performance and that of your organization. The survey is scheduled to remain active through March 2008. For more details, go to www.smrp.org

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