

DECKER TO HEAD TYCO FLOW CONTROL

Patrick Decker has been named president of Tyco Flow Control, a business segment of Tyco International and one of the world's largest providers of flow control products. Decker joined Tyco in May 2003 as the CFO of its Plastics & Adhesives business. In his most recent role with the corporation, he had been serving as CFO for the Tyco Engineered Products and Services (TEPS) segment since January 2005. He also collaborated with Tyco Flow Control's leadership in the development of the Evolution to Excellence strategic initiative and related imperatives.

MULLER RECEIVES ASHRAE'S DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

Purafi I's technical director, Chris Muller, has been honored with the ASHRAE Distinguished Service Award. A 12-year ASHRAE member, Muller serves as a Distinguished Lecturer for the organization and as chair of its Standard Committee 145P, which was charged with the task of engineering the ASHRAE Standard 62.1. He remains thoroughly involved within the organization as a voting member of several committees and as a co-author of the ASHRAE Standard 62.1-2004 User's Manual.

GE MOVING SOME GAS TURBINE OPS TO HUNGARY

In response to growing international demand, GE Energy has announced the decision to add capacity for its 50-Hertz LM6000 aeroderivative gas turbines to a GE manufacturing facility located in Veresegyhaz, Hungary.

"We are shipping more and more LM6000 units to customers throughout Europe, Asia and the Middle East. By utilizing the Hungary facility, we can provide our international customers with more localized service and support," said Charles (Chip) Blankenship, general manager of GE Energy's aeroderivative division. According to Blankenship, this move will free up resources at the company's Houston, TX, facility to better accommodate increasing demand for the LMS100.

The operations in Hungary, located approximately 20 kilometers outside of Budapest, have been in operation since 2001 supporting the build and repair of the corporation's heavy-duty gas turbines. Packaging and testing for both the SAC and DLE models of the 50-Hertz LM6000 can now be completed there. GE Energy's aeroderivative division is the world's largest service provider for this type of gas turbine technology.

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PUMP SYSTEMS MATTER ANNOUNCES 4 NEW SPONSORS

Pump Systems Matter™ (PSM), a North American educational organization aimed at lowering energy needs by optimizing pump system performance, has announced four new sponsor organizations: Hydro Inc., Engineered Software, Inc., Manitoba Hydro and Xcel Energy. PSM was launched to help assist pump users gain a more competitive business advantage through strategic, broad-based energy management and pump system performance optimization. Its initial development was led by the Hydraulic Institute (HI). Incorporated as a new 501(c) 3 educational organization in 2006, PSM currently is seeking sponsors and board members that can actively contribute to its growth. Membership is open to utilities, market transformation organizations, government agencies, pump users, contractors, consultants, engineering firms, trade and professional associations, as well as North American pump manufacturers and suppliers of motors, drives, seals, couplings, bearings, housings, instrumentation and control systems and pump specific software. For more information, contact Joanne Bachmann at (973) 267-9700 x 22 or via JBachmann@pumps.org.

NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR NAMED FOR PTDA FOUNDATION

The Power Transmission Distributors Association (PTDA) Foundation has announced the appointment of Phyllis Russell to executive director. In her new role, Russell will be responsible for all aspects of the Foundation's management. Charged with implementing the Foundation's missions, goals and objectives, she will oversee fundraising and relationship development in support of the organization's major workforce development initiative, the Industrial Careers Pathway® (ICP).

SMRP OPENS LOUISVILLE CONFERENCE REGISTRATION

This year's SMRP Fall Classic conference takes place October 7-10, 2007 in Louisville, KY, and registration is now open. To take advantage of the Early Bird Registration Fee of \$825, you'll need to register by August 26. For more information, visit www.SMRP.org. Remember, to register online, SMRP members must use their membership ID number. Plan now. Don't miss this opportunity for "Building Your All-Star Team with the SMRP Body of Knowledge."