BEGELEY TO HEAD NEW GE ENTERPRISE SOLUTIONS

Charlene T. Begley has been named president and CEO of GE Enterprise Solutions, a new business focused on helping GE's global customers increase their productivity through superior information management and automation solutions. Begley has previously led GE's Plastics, Transportation and GE Fanuc Automation units. She most recently served in a corporate role to help close the sale of GE Plastics to Saudi Basic Industries Corporation (SABIC). Begley and Jim Campbell, president and CEO of GE Consumer & Industrial, will report to GE vice chairman Lloyd Trotter through the end of 2007, when they will begin reporting to GE chairman and CEO Jeff Immelt.

GE Enterprise Solutions reportedly will have annual revenues of approximately $11.5 billion. The new business includes GE's Equipment Services, Security, Sensing & Inspection, Multilin and Power Quality units, as well as the GE Fanuc Automation business. Enterprise Solutions also will work closely with the GE Energy Optimization and Controls business to broaden its current focus on the energy sector.

TIMKEN ANNOUNCES BIZ ALIGNMENT CHANGES

The Timken Company has announced changes to align the organization around continued improvement in operational performance and acceleration of profitable growth. Under the new model, Timken will operate with two major business groups, the Steel Group and the Bearings and Power Transmission Group. Michael C. Arnold has been named as executive vice president and president, Bearings and Power Transmission Group. Salvatore J. Miraglia, Jr., will continue as president of the Steel Group.

Timken's new Bearings and Power Transmission Group includes four divisions: Mobile Industries, composed of the rail, off-highway, agriculture, heavy truck and passenger car and light truck market sectors; Process Industries, which encompasses the heavy industry, power transmission and energy market sectors; Aerospace & Defense, serving the friction-management and power-transmission needs of commercial and military aviation customers through OEMs and the aerospace aftermarket; and Distribution & Services, which provides a full range of bearings, seals, grease, condition monitoring and other products and services through distributors worldwide.

On a related note, Timken also has announced the appointment of Jacqueline A. Dedo as senior vice president, Innovation and Growth. In this role, Dedo will be responsible for leading the company's strategic initiatives to accelerate the pace of innovation and growth.

FUSS & O'NEILL PARTNERS WITH MICROMAIN CORPORATION

MicroMain, a provider of asset and facility management software and services, and Fuss & O'Neill, a full service engineering consulting firm, have announced a new strategic partnership. Fuss & O'Neill provides services related to civil and environmental engineering, structural engineering, industrial plant services, building systems, manufacturing solutions, information technologies and design build. Headquartered in Manchester, CT, the company serves customers primarily on the East Coast. Under the terms of this new alliance, Fuss & O'Neill Technologies will integrate MicroMain™ software with other technologies including Geographic Information Systems and provide a data center for the operation of MicroMain software and other products. Fuss & O'Neill Manufacturing Solutions, which provides best practices training to maintenance organizations, will provide its services to customers using MicroMain's computerized
maintenance management system (CMMS).

WESTMORELAND SELLS POWER OP & MAINTENANCE

Westmoreland Coal Company has closed the sale of its power operation and maintenance businesses to North American Energy Services (NAES). Included in the deal were operation and maintenance contracts for four power plants owned by Dominion Resources (Altavista, Hopewell, Southampton and Gordonville), as well as certain fixed assets of Westmoreland Technical Services. Westmoreland also has contracted with NAES to provide contract operation and maintenance services at the company's 100%-owned ROVA power facility in North Carolina. Westmoreland previously had reported that it considers the transactions to be economically neutral. No further terms were disclosed.

MAINTENANCE TECHNOLOGY ANNOUNCES 2007 SALARY SURVEY

Just how much are you really worth in the reliability and maintenance arena? In today's operating environments, where so much seems to be riding on so many companies being able to stay up and running at maximum capacity, Maintenance Technology is sensing that your knowledge, skills and experience probably have more value for an organization than ever before. To verify this, however, our editorial team needs to go far beyond the anecdotal and gather more concrete data regarding the actual state of the employment marketplace.

Of course, we can't get the answers that we need without your help. That's why we're inviting you to participate in the 2007 Maintenance Technology Salary Survey. It's a very simple process. Go to www.zoomerang.com/survey.zgi?p=WEB226T3XL7CSB (or the Salary Survey link on www.MT-Online.com) and answer a few basic questions about your particular role, responsibilities, etc.

Rest assured that you will not need to identify yourself. Your responses, though, along with those of others, will be compiled into a report that will be published in the December 2007 issue of Maintenance Technology. To have your input included, we ask that you complete this brief survey by October 31, 2007.

Please keep in mind that the time you take now to fill out our 2007 Salary Survey should help you and other Reliability and Maintenance Professionals on your career paths well into the future. We really look forward to your participation.

ASSOCIATION NEWS

ACEEE ANNOUNCES CHAMPIONS OF ENERGY

The American Council for an Energy-Efficient Economy (ACEEE) has named three Champions of Energy Efficiency for 2007. Winners were selected based on demonstrated excellence in program implementation, leadership, R&D, energy policy, private sector initiatives and international initiatives. The selections were made by ACEEE's Board of Directors from a field of 23 candidates nominated by their peers.

This year's "Champions" include Byron Lloyd and Mark Hamann, who were honored for Industrial Leadership. Through a partnership between the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO) and ComEd, Lloyd and Hamann were instrumental in enhancing the use of Envinta's ‘One-2-Five' software to create a holistic energy-efficiency evaluation tool. Their joint effort resulted in a new evaluation and implementation product known as the Manufacturing Energy Effi-ciency Program (MEEP).

David Zepponi also was honored for Industrial Leadership. As president of the Northwest Food Processors Association, Zepponi has implemented numerous projects to develop continued energyefficiency gains in his industry. Among these projects, he has created, populated and maintained an informative database of Best Practices that include information on system optimization, best-available commercial technologies, energy- and water-saving measures and other leading-edge energy and environment technologies.

Finally, United Technologies Corporation (UTC) was honored for Implementation & Deployment. As a diversified company with products ranging from home heating and air conditioning to

aerospace and helicopters, UTC has met impressive energyefficiency goals. These include a 19% reduction in energy consumption, a 49% reduction in water consumption and a 44% reduction in air emissions from 1997-2006. As part of its latest set of environmental targets, UTC has set a goal to reduce absolute greenhouse gas emissions by 12% over the next four years and will invest $100 million toward co-generation and energy-conservation projects. To learn more about ACEEE and its Champions of Energy Efficiency, go to www.aceee.org