

🇬🇧 Agie Charmilles joins the MTI live line up

Agie Charmilles, part of the Georg Fischer Group and a market leader in the design, manufacture, sale and support of high-performance EDM and high-speed/five-axis machine tools, has joined the growing list of major machine tool suppliers taking part in MTI live, the international exhibition for used machine tools,

production and ancillary equipment being held on 25-26 May 2005 at Stoneleigh Park, Coventry.

Underpinned by expert teams of technical engineers and after-sales professionals, the company's used machine operation at Coventry offers a comprehensive range of services, from full refurbishments through to

specific repairs and system upgrades, along with service and preventative maintenance contracts as well as the supply of consumables and original wear parts. Visitors to MTI live will also learn how the company works closely with a number of overseas used machine tool dealers, providing a reliable and cost-efficient servicing and repair capability as well as original wear parts and consumables.

For further information telephone +44 (0)1474 855505 or visit www.mti-live.com

🇨🇭 University buys micro EDM mill

Atkin EDM Machine Tools Ltd, the UK agent for Sarix SA of Switzerland, recently completed its open house exhibition, which focused on micro EDM drilling and milling. During the show, the University of Strathclyde purchased a Sarix SX-100. The SX-100 was one of the machines performing a working demonstration of

micro EDM milling at the event. Esprit CAM software, which has been developed to work in conjunction with the Sarix machines was also on demonstration by Somatech, the UK agent for Esprit. Atkin is experiencing a considerable rise in demand for its micro EDM milling and drilling machines as micro and nano applications increase in the wake of consumer demand for even greater miniaturisation.

For further information telephone +44 (0)24 7667 8888 or visit www.atkinedm.com



🇬🇧 NEA orders another Tornos Deco

North East Assemblies (NEA) of Durham, UK purchased its first sliding head lathe in 1999, a Tornos ENC164. The success of the ENC164 has since seen NEA purchase three Tornos Deco 13bi machines, one Deco 20/26 and a Tornos Deco 26/32 with another Deco 13bi on order. Managing director at NEA, John Smith says: "When looking for machines I needed the ability to produce extremely complex parts without the headache of difficult programming. The Deco programming system is simple and user friendly and because it is Windows-based it is very flexible. Another important feature of the Tornos machines is the powerful driven tooling, which is not found on other sliding head machines."

For further information telephone +44 (0)1530 513100 or visit www.tornos.ch

🇬🇧 Investment must be top priority

MTA director general, Andrew Manly, has spoken about the recent crisis at MG Rover, indicating the important nature of investment to combat competition. "We regret that a situation has arisen where workers at Rover may lose their jobs and are concerned about the wider implications for

companies in Rover's supply chain in the West Midlands," he says. "Sadly, Rover's troubles reinforce one of MTA's key messages: to remain competitive in a global marketplace it is vital that manufacturing companies invest in high added-value products to ensure higher levels of productivity and aid

innovation. This should be a top priority for the incoming Government. MTA is currently undertaking a survey of its members to gain a clearer picture of the direct impact of the Rover situation on our sector."

For further information telephone +44 (0)20 7298 6400 or visit www.mta.org.uk