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**Aspect Automation** and **Stäubli North America** are pleased to announce the completion of a new environmental toxin screening system built in partnership with **Wako Laboratory Automation/Kalypsys** for installation at the **National Institutes of Health** in Bethesda, Md. The system will allow NIH to test millions of compounds extremely quickly, utilizing a wide variety of cell-based or biochemical assays. The Aspect/Stäubli system is flexible enough to run multiple screens simultaneously, operating continuously within a laboratory environment.

**Cleaning Technologies Group** has named **Tim Piazza** President of **Blackstone-NEY Ultrasonics**. He will be responsible for all operations at the **Jamestown, N.Y.**, location and will report directly to **Jim McEachen**, CEO of **Cleaning Technologies Group, LLC**.

**Gleason Corporation** has expanded the **Advanced Coatings Facility** at its **Gleason Cutting Tools Corporation** facility located in **Loves Park, Ill.** The expansion includes an enlargement of the coating department that will accommodate an additional **Balzars Coating System** and an additional automated computer controlled cleaning line.

**Jet Edge, Inc.** has opened a new water jet sales, service and showroom office in **Shanghai, China**. The new China office will allow **Jet Edge** to directly supply and support local customers with service and training facilities, a water jet equipment demonstration showroom, and a water jet parts warehouse.

**LVD Strippit** now incorporates a new **Energy Reduction System (ERS)** into its **Strippit VX-Series** punch presses and **PPEC** series press brake products, helping to tackle the topical issue of rising energy costs. **ERS** efficiently manages power consumption throughout the operating day during machine operation, standby and idle times, reducing energy consumption by 15 to 30 percent over previous generation machines.

**Methods Machine Tools, Inc.** has selected **Michael Minton** for the position of **National Applications Engineering Manager**. He will be responsible for coordinating the **National Applications** and **Automation** services throughout **North America**.

**TRUMPF Inc.** recently selected **Sterling Fabrication Technology** to represent its sheet metal fabricating equipment in the states of **Louisiana** and **Texas**. **TRUMPF's** complete line of machine tools is once again available through the **Dallas-based** sales representative, which has worked with **TRUMPF** in the past.

The **National Center for Defense Manufacturing and Machining** is pleased to announce that **Jeffrey S. Kelly**, **Edward A. Morris**, and **John R. Tucker** have been elected to the **Directors Class** of 2013 for a three-year term. The Board also elected **Dr. Dean L. Bartles** as **Chairman**.

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