


Behringer establish UK operation

 Behringer GmbH, a German manufacturer of metal sawing and steel processing machines and systems, has formed a sales and after-sales service division in the UK. Behringer Ltd will have a demonstration facility together with stock machines. An extensive range of spare parts will also be held to support existing Behringer machines in the UK. The venture will be headed-up by Simon Smith as managing director, while a UK website is currently under construction. Kaltenbach Ltd is no longer acting as agent for Behringer within the UK. For further information simon.smith@behringer.net

Patented air chuck

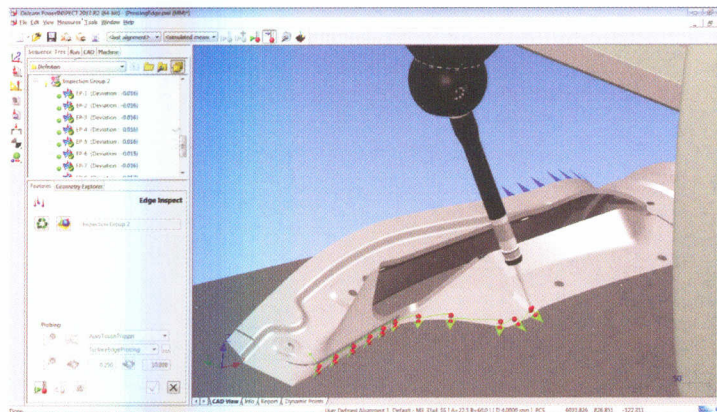
 Autogrip Machinery has released its patented AP range of large, through-hole, three-jaw power chucks with integrated air cylinder. Available in four through-hole diameters, 52, 66, 86 and 115mm, the AP range features a pneumatic cylinder which powers the opening and closing of the chuck jaws. This design negates the need for a drawbar to provide the jaw clamping force, resulting in a larger through-bore capacity for bar feeding raw material. Autogrip of Taiwan is represented exclusively in the UK and Ireland by Leader Chuck Systems. For further information www.leaderchuck.com

Kasto launch circular saw

 For medium- to large-batch and mass cutting-to-length of solids, tubes and profiles in most materials, German sawing machine manufacturer, Kasto, has introduced a new, automatic circular saw called KASTOgripspeed C10. It can be fitted with equipment for continuous stock in-feed and with various out-feed options, including sorting and separation of cut pieces. For further information www.kasto.com

Inspection tasks easier and faster

 Delcam has released the 2013 R2 version of its PowerInspect metrology software, which offers faster programming and inspection, plus easier-to-read reports. It also includes a new method for automated inspection of component edges, improved display of deviations, support for a wider range of geometric features, more flexible simulation, and additional dimensioning options for radial features. For further information www.powerinspect.com



Matchmaker unveil TMT2000

 Machine tool supplier, Matchmaker CNC, has released the Tongtai TMT2000 multi-tasking turning centre range. These machines feature a symmetrical saddle design with the X, Y and Z axes perpendicular to each other, making servo compensation possible and ensuring high accuracy. The TMT2000 machines can be configured with a main and sub-spindle, and with either two or three turrets, all with Y-axis capability. Furthermore, the machine's C-axis functionality is enhanced by the use of a rotary encoder with multi-point positioning giving accuracy of 0.001°. For further information www.matchmakermc.co.uk

Nissan go round the clock

 Britain's largest car factory will give the upbeat motor industry a further lift when it changes to 24-hour production in early 2014. Nissan's plant in Sunderland, which manufactures over 500,000 vehicles each year, will create 400 new jobs to work around-the-clock producing vehicles for showrooms in the UK and international markets. Nissan has pointed to Britain's skill in manufacturing and strong engineering base as the main reasons behind its decision to make Sunderland its European base to produce its luxury Infiniti range and all-electric LEAF car. For further information www.nissan.co.uk

30-Learjet order



 Bombardier has received a firm order for 30 of its Learjet business aircraft. The Learjet 85 will be made for Flexjet LLC - the order doubles the quantity it had previously requested. The transaction brings Flexjet's total spend on the planes to £740m based on the 2013 list price. Bombardier in Belfast is responsible for the design and manufacture

of the Learjet 85 wing skins and spars using a further application of its innovative composites process. The orders are the latest success story for the Belfast factory which last month said it had plans to create around 500 new posts, bringing its total employment to well over 6000. For further information www.bombardier.com