

## GC appointed at CECIMO



CECIMO, the European association for the machine tool industries, has chosen a new general commissioner for EMO 2015, as well as a vice president and technical committee co-ordinator. Pier Luigi Streparava has been appointed general commissioner of EMO Milano 2015. Mr Streparava, president of Streparava SpA and board member of the European machine tool association UCIMU-Sistemi per Produrre, was appointed during last month's general assembly in Vienna.

For further information  
[www.cecimo.eu](http://www.cecimo.eu)

## Car output rises again



UK car production in October rose at the fastest pace so far this year, reports the Society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders (SMMT). The number of UK cars built in October (160,854) was up 17% compared with the same period in 2012 – the biggest year-on-year increase to date in 2013. The growth was driven largely by cheap finance deals and rising consumer confidence. So far this year, the UK has produced 1,286,287 cars, 5.4% more than at the same point in 2012.

For further information  
[www.smmt.co.uk](http://www.smmt.co.uk)

## Bison holds hard and fast

Leader Chuck Systems now offers a new high gripping force four-jaw chuck manufactured by its Polish workholding partner, Bison-Bial. It adds to the company's existing range of four-jaw independent chucks, made with steel bodies and designed for machining operations requiring high gripping forces, such as the production of large crankshafts and turbine rotors. Thanks to a clamping force of over 20,000 daN per jaw, large cutting torques at relatively small clamping diameters can be achieved. Both round and rectangular workpieces can be accommodated.

For further information  
[www.leaderchuck.com](http://www.leaderchuck.com)

# New machines drive ambitions



Solihull-based subcontract specialist, Laranca Engineering, has recently invested in two new machining centres from GF AgieCharmilles to help spearhead a new business venture. The machines, a Mikron VCE 600 Pro equipped with an integrated fourth axis unit, and a Mikron HEM 500U (3+2 positional) five-axis machining centre, were installed at the company's facility in August 2013.

The two machining centres, as well as providing additional capacity, are pivotal to the success of a new business venture which will see Laranca,



through a recently-created sister company – ND Pistons – design and manufacture bespoke pistons for motorsport customers and,

over time, automotive engine manufacturers.

For further information  
[www.gfmc.com/uk](http://www.gfmc.com/uk)

## AP&T upgrade press controls



A new control system from AP&T has increased press line capacity at the Raufoss, Norway facility of Steertec, a producer of cold-formed aluminium steering parts for automotive OEMs such as BMW, Daimler, Porsche and Audi. Upgrading old presses and production lines with new electrics and electronics is a growing business segment for AP&T.

"With the new control systems from AP&T, production capacity on our existing press line has increased significantly," says factory manager, Thomas Häfner. "We have also been able to shorten cycle times through simplified programming."

For further information [www.apgroup.com](http://www.apgroup.com)

## Site expansion for Sertec



Automotive component manufacturer, Sertec Group, has announced final agreement of terms for its expansion into the site once occupied by the failed telecoms business, Greenwoods Communications. The 120,000 sq ft facility in Coleshill became available when Greenwoods collapsed in July this year.

Sertec's head office administration and commercial team will move just half a mile down Gorsey Lane to its new site, which will also house a new component assembly hall and logistics operation for Sertec Birmingham. This will allow for expansion of the pressings facility at the current factory which has been Sertec's main operation since 1991.

For further information [www.sertec.co.uk](http://www.sertec.co.uk)

## Tech campus shaping up



Mills CNC reports that phase 1 of its £750,000 Technology Campus is nearing completion. A little over three months ago Mills CNC, the exclusive distributor of Doosan machine tools in the UK and Ireland, announced plans to double its floor space with the acquisition of a 25,000 sq ft facility adjacent to its existing operations in

Leamington...and to re-brand its entire site as the Mills CNC Technology Campus. A new 25 tonne crane has been installed and a new floor has been laid and marked out. When the Campus is officially launched in early 2014 Mills will be able to hold over 60 new Doosan machines in stock at any one time.

For further information [www.millscnc.co.uk](http://www.millscnc.co.uk)