

## China in the frame

● Unipres Corp plans to increase Chinese production of chassis frame parts in response to strong sales. The auto parts manufacturer will enlarge an existing plant at production subsidiary Unipres Guangzhou Corp, with plans to install a 2500 ton transfer press and a 600 ton blanking press there by the spring of 2011. The new equipment is slated to be in operation in the second half of that year. Including its subsidiary, Unipres had the capacity to produce chassis frame parts for more than 600,000 vehicles per year in China at the end of 2009. The expansion, which will cost around ¥1.5bn, will increase that by 20%.

For further information  
[www.unipres.co.jp](http://www.unipres.co.jp)

## Orders rise

■ In the fourth quarter of 2009, order bookings in the German machine tool industry increased for the first time in five quarters. Overall, orders were up by 12% compared to the preceding year's equivalent period, according to the VDW (the German Machine Tool Builders' Association). Growth is being driven by demand from abroad, particularly from China, for both forming and machining technology. In 2009, as a whole, German machine tool manufacturers produced machinery and services worth €9.9bn.

For further information  
[www.vdw.de](http://www.vdw.de)

## Mapra set sights on Doss

■ Mapra Technik has been appointed the sole UK agent for Doss of Italy, which produces automatic visual inspection machines. Doss manufactures machines designed specifically for the automatic visual inspection of physical features and properties such as dimensions, appearance, shape, composition and quality of parts.

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

# Washing away inefficiency

■ The securing of an order for a Pero high speed vapour degreasing machine has underlined the success of a recent series of industry workshops organised by cleaning systems specialist Kumi Solutions in conjunction with SafeChem and equipment manufacturer Pero.

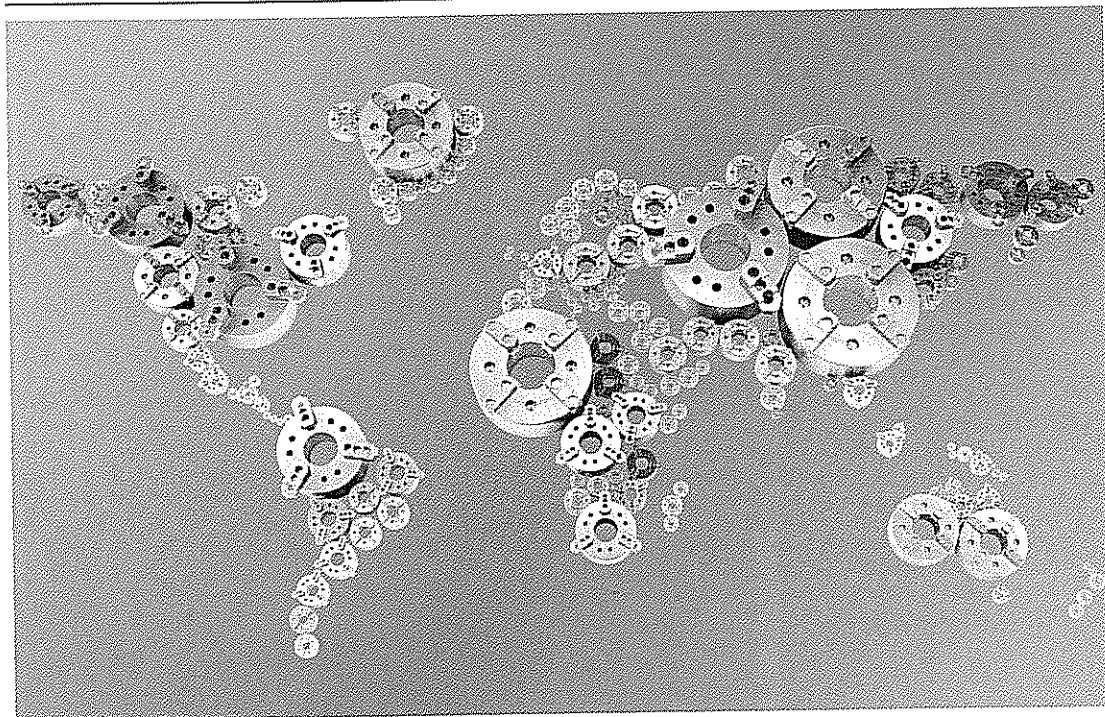
During the events, more than 60 attendees learnt how to achieve top quality surface cleaning results while complying with latest legal and environmental requirements. Seminar sessions highlighted topics as varied as users' and suppliers' legal obligations, safe and sustainable cleaning methods, risk management, solvent selection and optimisation, and the latest cleaning technology developments – not only enabling customers to fulfil an EU Solvents Emissions Directive (SED)



requirement of investigating the use of reduced risk solvents wherever possible, but also learning how they can continue to employ trichloroethylene

on a long term basis without transgressing any industry regulations.

For further information  
[www.kumi-solutions.com](http://www.kumi-solutions.com)



## Leader take Bison by the horns

■ UK workholding specialist Leader Chuck Systems has signed a contract with the Polish workholding manufacturer, Bison-Bial. Under the new agreement Leader will assume responsibility for the sale of Bison's product range in the UK, which includes pre-sales technical support and stocks of popular items and spare parts.

Founded in 1948, Bison is today an ISO 9001

accredited company that employs around 600 people and produces a range of standard manual chucks, many of which are available with cast iron or steel bodies. With diameters ranging from 80-1250mm, the standard manual chucks are available with two, three, four and six jaws, while various internal/external hard and soft jaw configurations are offered.

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