

Z&J appoints Gerceker



Mr Ekkehard Broszka has retired from the business after many years with Z&J Technologies GmbH (Z&J), Stefan Derichs, who has also been with Racor and Z&J for many years and who shared the Managing Director role with Broszka, has decided to leave the company later this year to pursue other career opportunities. Mr Metin Gerceker, who is currently Managing Director of Th. Jansen, will become Z&J's Managing Director with immediate effect. He will continue in his role at Th. Jansen. Gerceker said "I am delighted to be taking on this role. Z&J is a great business with unrivalled valve engineering expertise and leadership positions in a number of key sectors." Metin joined IMI over four years ago and during that time has worked in a number of senior management positions across the IMI Severe Service division including VP, Business Development at Orton in Piacenza, Italy and Managing Director at CCI AG in Switzerland. He became Managing Director of Th. Jansen in February 2013. Prior to joining IMI, Metin had over 20 years' experience in the valve industry and was Managing Director of Metso Automation MAPAG GmbH, part of Metso Group as well as MAPAG Valves GmbH which was part of Linde AG. He is a steering committee member of the Valve World.

Rotork actuators upgraded after sixty years

After sixty years of unbroken service on a demanding and critical duty in the aerospace industry, some of the earliest Rotork valve actuators are being replaced with the company's latest intelligent IQ3 actuators. Dating from 1953, the Rotork Model 100A actuators were part of a contract to operate the valves on one of the world's first large scale supersonic wind tunnels, the Transonic Wind Tunnel created for testing the

effects of supersonic speeds on new aircraft designs. The wind tunnel was first commissioned in 1956. It has been in virtually continuous daily operation since then, testing military and civil aircraft from around the world. Although designed for isolating valves, the Rotork 100A actuators have been performing modulating duties throughout their sixty years of service, constantly altering the position of large gate valves by small degrees to control the level of wind speeds and provide the data that is needed for the highly accurate measurement of test results. The automation of this process with a bespoke control system incorporating a Modbus control network has necessitated the replacement of these units with



new IQ3M actuators that are specifically designed for modulating duties. Because there is a constant demand to use the wind tunnel, the retrofit operations can be completed in the brief periods available between test programmes. The first two actuators were removed and the replacement IQ3M actuators installed and commissioned in two days, half the allocated time allowed before the wind tunnel was due to re-start operations.

Flo-Tite's new headquarters

Flo-Tite Valves & Controls has moved into their new 127,000 square foot headquarters, valve automation center, and warehouse. This new location allows for higher inventory levels and increased customer service levels. Flo-Tite is the pioneer in engineered solutions for process control applications and through their "Ask the Experts" option on their website - the leader in valve technology improvements. End user engineers seeking solutions and information on Flo-Tite's valve offerings are using the "Ask the Experts" option

to improve process control operations at their facilities on a daily basis.

Bernard Controls equips Moscow gas supply station

Moscow Southern Gas Station installs 35 Bernard Controls STX INTELLI+ explosion-proof multi-turn actuators. Bernard Controls' explosion-proof actuators were chosen because of their high quality and reliability and wide automation capabilities. As a close associate of the Oil & Gas industry, and an approved partner of major international companies, Bernard Controls relies on a dedicated Oil & Gas Business Manager to ensure overall team co-operation for such Oil & Gas global project. Apart from the technological excellence, the efficient co-ordination among Bernard Controls' international network also had a big hand in the success of this international gas project. The order was signed by Bernard Controls Italia with an Italian valve manufacturer. The actuators were then sold to Itgas — a Russian company that specialises in gas supply equipment — who eventually sold it to the Russian end user, Mosgaz. Mosgaz is the largest gas facility in Russia and one of the largest gas facilities in the world. They supply gas to Moscow city and the surrounding regions. Bernard Controls Russia — the Moscow sales office of the group — ensured follow up and strong local customer support for the installation and commissioning of the valves in September 2012.

The 2nd Foundations and A New Leap

"Seo-Heung Metal" founded in 1979 as a specialized company of manufacturing the custom-designed forging products has attained a high reputation to the customers by supplying high quality products in both domestic and overseas markets with 34 years history. To supply the highest quality products at the competitive price and quality with on-time delivery, the company's name was changed to "S&S Valve Co., Ltd." in 2008. However, their trademark "SAVE" (meanings of S&S Advanced Valve Engineering Products) remained the same. S&S Valve, remains a solid partner for constant collaborations supplying with the highest quality engineered valves. The company aims to be the indispensable enterprise and the unique valve engineering company in the development of Korean industry.