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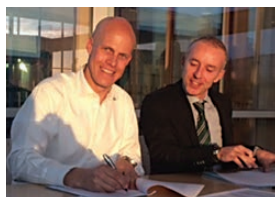
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Growermetal Enters Partnership with Nord-Lock Group

Growermetal of Italy and Nord-Lock Group of Sweden have entered into a strategic production and technical development agreement to manufacture wedge-locking washers. Nord-Lock has seen the global demand for its wedge-locking washer continue to strongly grow, and the objective of this strategic cooperation is to ensure a high quality production capacity and technical development for the future.

Growermetal has developed and manufactured safety washers for more than 60 years and has a global reputation for high quality and manufacturing excellence.

Nord-Lock has been producing its original wedge-locking safety washers for over 30 years and is recognized as a market leader. With this agreement, Nord-Lock has acquired the Grower Twin-Lock® brand and Growermetal has agreed to supply wedge-locking washers exclusively to the Nord-Lock Group. In this way, Growermetal increases its wedge-locking washers expertise and production volumes.



Ola Ringdahl & Paolo Cattaneo.

Growermetal Managing Director **Paolo Cattaneo**, said, "The Nord-Lock Group has an extensive global sales network and has shown a strong ability to grow through technical sales. Together we will provide the world with wedge-locking products of the highest quality." **Ola Ringdahl**, Nord-Lock Group CEO, said, "With Growermetal's production of Grower Twin-Lock at its premises in Italy, combined with our expertise in

wedge-locking at the existing Nord-Lock factory in Sweden, we can continue to supply our customers with the high-quality, market-leading products they expect." www.growermetal.it / www.nord-lock.com ■

FASTENER TECH™ Exhibits Reach Highest Level in 8 Years; Online Registration Open

As of May 5, 2015, FASTENER TECH™ 2015 exhibit sales have reached their highest level since 2007, and additional booths have been added to accommodate for demand. Also, on-line registration is now open at the websites listed below including access to free exhibit passes as well as details on a wide array of educational and networking sessions. The 2015 show takes place at the **Donald E. Stephens Convention Center** in Rosemont, IL, USA, located directly between the city of Chicago and **O'Hare International Airport**. www.mwfa.com / www.fastenertech.com ■

Personnel Changes Within the Würth Group

The Central Managing Board of the **Würth Group** of Germany has changed. **Robert Friedmann** remains Chairman, **Peter Zürn** remains the Deputy Chairman and **Joachim Kaltmaier** is responsible for the full area of finance. Also, **Bernd Herrmann** has been appointed for the fields of IT, e-business, logistics and IT processes. As Executive VP, Herrmann is responsible for the functions IT and logistics in the Würth Group and is at the same time Managing Director of **Adolf Würth GmbH & Co. KG (AWKG)**. For health reasons, **Uwe Hohfeld** will resign from the Board, but will continue to be responsible for finance/controlling in the parent company, AWKG. www.wuerth.com ■

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KLX Expands Energy Services Group

KLX Inc., Wellington, FL, USA, has announced an additional expansion of its Energy Services Group (ESG) business.



Amin Khoury, Chairman and CEO of KLX commented, "While industry peers are scaling back operations in reaction to lower oil prices and the budget cuts related thereto, we have been able to capitalize on several unique opportunities by bringing on a number of excellent, experienced industry specialists, and expanding our business into the Casper, Riverton and Rock Springs, Wyoming, USA markets.

investor.klx.com.com

China Factory Index Sees Fastest Deterioration in a Year

Manufacturing.net reports that Chinese manufacturing has seen its sharpest contraction in a year in April 2015, raising pressure on Beijing to roll out new stimulus to keep growth in the world's number two economy from slipping below target. The HSBC manufacturing index reported total new orders declined at the fastest rate in a year and production levels stagnated. But new export orders improved slightly over the same period.

www.manufacturing.net



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Pete Beecherl joins PennEngineering® as VP of Global Automotive

Pete Beecherl has joined PennEngineering® Danboro, PA, USA, as Vice President of Global Automotive. In this newly created position, Beecherl will drive and coordinate strategic initiatives for the company worldwide across all automotive-related brands and businesses including PennEngineering Automotive Fastener Co. Ltd. (PEAF), PROFIL and PEM® and Atlas® brand fasteners and inserts.



Beecherl has particularly strong background in the areas of automation, engineering and engineered parts as well as expertise in sales and business development. He most recently served as Vice President of Engineering and Business Development at Acument Global Technologies (now Fontana) and previously held senior engineering, product management, automation, marketing and sales roles for Emhart Teknologies, Tex-

tron Fastening Systems, Avdel and Lamb Technicon.

Pete Beecherl will maintain offices located in the PennEngineering (Danboro) and PEAF (Shelby, MI, USA) facilities.

PennEngineering operates fastener manufacturing facilities, distribution hubs and key sales offices in North America, Europe and Asia and is supported by a worldwide network of technical sales representatives and distributors.

www.pemnet.com

Matt Benoist is new Director of National Sales at Shamrock

Shamrock International Fasteners, Itasca, IL, USA, is growing, and world-class talent is driving the path forward. Matt Benoist has been added as Shamrock's new Director of National Sales. He is tasked with optimizing Shamrock's commercial strategy, value proposition and relationships with customers. He reports directly to Rob Waichulis, Shamrock's President.



FMW Fasteners Says, "Top Sought-After Fastener in History is from the Apollo 11 Command Module"

PRNewswire recently reported that the top sought-after fastener in history was used on the Apollo 11 Command Module—as revealed by **FMW Fasteners**.



Over 300 people were asked, if you could choose to have one souvenir fastener from history, which one would you choose?

The top three chosen were the Apollo 11 Command Module (17%), the 1903 Harley Davidson (16%) and a tie for third between the Space Shuttle Discovery and the 1927 Ford Model T (15% each).

Next was The Mayflower (11%), the 1903 Wright Flyer (11%), the 1990 No. 3 Goodwrench Chevrolet Lumina NASCAR (5%) and the Bell X1 (5%).

So the hunt is now on to see who might have access to these fasteners, and more importantly, are they prepared to donate one to a good cause.

Steve Baker, Marketing Director from FMW Fasteners said, "Wouldn't it be

incredible if we could get a couple of these fasteners and auction them off for a great cause. The idea came about

when we saw that Ferrari was selling its GT Engine Fastener screws on-line in a hand-made methacrylate sculpture that contain an original Maranello GT engine fastener screw.

"That set us thinking—if you could choose any fastener in history, what one would mean most? And that's where the list came from. Personally, I'd love to get hold of a 1903 Harley Davidson fastener. But all of them show the great pioneering and innovation spirit of our nation."

To arrange a conversation, please contact Steve Baker through email or call +1 713 688 6021.

www.fmfasteners.com

Benoist comes to Shamrock from ITW where he successfully served in multiple sales leadership positions.

According to Shamrock, with Matt at the helm, the company's focus on exceeding customers' expectations is in good hands.

www.shamrockif.com

Brighton-Best's Robert Shieh Honored

The team of Brighton-Best International, Long Beach, CA, USA, announces the induction of Robert Shieh into the National Industrial Fastener Expo "Hall of Fame".

Shieh's ambitions, intelligence and accomplishments complement precisely the stellar fastener community of past recipients' and make him highly deserving of the honor and industry recognition.

Introduced to Brighton-Best over 25 years ago in a shared taxi ride to the airport, Shieh is an entrepreneur with humble beginnings from Tainan, Taiwan. Robert Shieh is the Chairman/CEO of Brighton-Best International and Founder/CEO of the Ta Chen Group.



Graduated from the University of Fu-Jen in Business Administration, Shieh started his career in the fastener industry as an Overseas Sales Manager for San Sheng Corporation.


Shieh's hopes were to elevate the value that a master distributor provides to its distributors and customers with a full depth and breadth of inventory, high-quality products and competitive prices all delivered with uncompromising service.

A private reception honoring

Shieh will be held on Wednesday, October 21, 2015, at the *National Industrial Fastener & Mill Supply Expo*.

www.brightonbest.com

Bulten AB Elects Board Chairman & Directors

Along with adoption of the income statement/balance sheet and discharge from liability, and a resolution regarding earnings allocation, Bulten AB, **BULTEN**  Gothenburg, Sweden, elected Directors and the Chairman of the Board at its recent annual general meeting (AGM).

The AGM decided re-election of the Board of Directors, Ann-Sofie Danielsson, Hans Gustavsson, Hans Peter Havdal and Johan Lundsgård and new election of Ulf Liljedahl, Gustav Lindner and Peter Karlsten. Liljedahl was also elected Chairman of the Board.

www.bulten.com

NSSS is expanding

NSSS of the UK has announced the extension of its Birmingham headquarters. After demolishing a recently purchased adjacent property, the company will extend its current premises by an additional 8000 ft². This will create a much-needed and purpose-built space for its current operation to expand and will increase the site's total floor area to more than 30,000 ft².

The company's existing customer base will benefit from an increased production capacity, which will also provide additional security for the firm's dedicated workforce.

www.nssocketscrews.com

Rotor Clip names new sales rep

Rotor Clip Company, Inc., Somerset, NJ, USA, has announced the addition of a new outside sales representative. Brian Gordon will now be responsible for the state of Ohio



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Hillman Management Changes & Announcement of Cash Distribution

Cincinnati, OH, USA-based **The Hillman Companies, Inc.**, has announced that following a transition period, **James P. Waters** will retire as Chief Executive Officer (CEO) and as a member of the Board of Directors after 

nearly 16 years of service to the company. In connection with the transition, the company has appointed **Doug Cahill** as Executive Chairman. Cahill is Hillman's current Nonexecutive Chairman.

The company's Board of Directors is actively seeking a qualified replacement for a new CEO.

The Hillman Companies has also announced that a cash distribution was recently declared by **Hillman Group Capital Trust** for the month of April 2015, in the amount of US\$0.241667 for each Trust Preferred Security. The distribution was paid out on April 30, 2015, to holders of record on April 20, 2015.

Hillman is a leading distributor of fasteners, key duplication systems, engraved tags and related hardware items to over 26,000 retail customers in the USA, Canada, Mexico, South America and Australia.

www.hillmangroup.com

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World's Vehicle Production Reached 89.5 million in 2014

OICA (International Organization of Motor Vehicle Manufacturers) of Switzerland announced that the world's vehicle production reached

89.5 million units in 2014. This represents



an increase of 3% from 2013. Since 2005, the increase is 34%. The sales, calculated only on registered vehicles (not including military, police, other officials), reached 88.2 million in 2014, with the same increase of 3%. The geographical split shows different situations in the world.

With the European figures, a clear recovery is seen. Production hit 17.0 million units (+5%) and sales 14.9 million units (+6%).

Asia/Middle East with production (47.4 million, +3%) and sales (42.6 million, +6%), now account for around 50% of the global figures. China is still the strongest, up 7% in production and sales.

North America (NAFTA) continues to perform strongly in 2014. Production was 17.4 million units and sales figures are clearly positive with 19.9 million, having almost returned to record levels.

The African production and sales continued their steady increase in production and sales.

www.oica.net

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USA Factory Orders Rise in March '15 for 1st Time in 8 Months

AP reports that orders to USA factories rose in March 2015 for the first time since July 2014, breaking a long stretch of weakness in manufacturing. Orders increased 2.1% following seven monthly declines, the **U.S. Commerce Department** recently reported. And in further good news, orders in a key category that tracks business investment plans eked out a 0.1% rise. It was the first advance in this category since August 2014.

Economists are hoping that USA manufacturing is beginning to emerge from a long soft patch, bolstered by stronger domestic demand that will offset ongoing weakness in exports.

Orders for durable goods, which are items expected to last at least three years, rose 4.4% in March. Demand for nondurable goods such as chemicals and paper dropped 0.3%.

USA factories have been struggling with export sales, which have taken a hit from the rise in value of the dollar in recent months. A stronger USA dollar makes USA exports more expensive

and less competitive on overseas markets. It also lowers the cost of imported goods, making them more attractive to USA customers.

The overall increase was the first positive number since a 10.5% increase last July. The strength in March was led by a surge in demand for computers and the volatile category of commercial aircraft. The key category of nondefense capital goods excluding aircraft, which is viewed as a proxy for business investment plans, edged up 0.1% in March.

The government recently reported that the overall economy, as measured by the gross domestic product, expanded by a meager 0.2% in the January/March 2015 quarter, as a harsh winter, a rising trade deficit and weaker business investment all held back growth.

Economists believe growth will rebound in April/June 2015, helped by stronger job growth expected to spur consumer spending. Auto sales rose in April 2015, led by strong demand for SUVs.

www.inddist.com

in the USA.

Sara Mallo, Vice President of Sales for Rotor Clip, stated, "Brian has the experience and knowledge required to work with our customer base, and we are confident that he will be a great asset to the team."

Rotor Clip manufactures a full line of retaining rings, constant section snap rings, spiral retaining rings, wave springs and constant tension band hose clamps.

www.rotorclip.com

PMA Business Conditions Report: April 2015

According to the April 2015 Business Conditions Report, released by Precision Metalforming Association (PMA), Cleveland, OH, USA, metalforming companies expect little change in business conditions during the next three months. Prepared monthly, the report is an economic indicator for manufacturing, sampling 120 metalforming companies in the USA and Canada.



The April report shows that 33% of participants predict that economic activity will improve during the next three months (down from 35% in March), 58% expect that activity will remain unchanged (the same percentage reported last month) and 9% believe that economic activity will decline (up from 7% in March).

Metalforming companies also forecast that incoming orders will remain steady during the next three months, with 41% predicting an increase in orders (down from 43% in March), 47% anticipating no change (the same percentage reported in March) and 12% expecting a decrease in orders (up from 10% last month).

Current average daily shipping levels improved in April. Forty-six percent of participants report that shipping levels are above levels of three months ago (compared to 40% in March), 43% report that levels are the same as three months ago (the same percentage reported

Research for “Lightweight Forging” Continues

According to the **University of Bremen**, the lighter a car is, the less fuel it consumes—a simple equation. But to ensure that a car is safe, offers optimum protection in the event of an accident and remains in a good condition, its components need to be more than just light—they also need to be high strength. A key technology in achieving this condition, is a lightweight design using steel, which until now has often been limited to application in the car body.

With financing from the **Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs and Energy (BMWi)** via the **Federation of Industrial Cooperative Research Associations**, the “Otto von Guericke” e.V. (AiF) project, began on May 1, 2015 across Germany. It was generated from an ideas competition titled, “Leading Technologies for SMEs” and is being coordinated by the **Research Association for Steel Application**



(**Forschungsvereinigung Stahlanwendung e. V. - FOSTA**) and the Production Technicians from the **Institute for Materials Technology (Institut für Werkstofftechnik - IWT)** at the University of Bremen. The goal of the “Lightweight Forging” research is to use new steel materials, part design and production methods to make even the car powertrain—from engine to transmission and wheel bearings—lighter and able to fulfil the most stringent requirements with regard to service life.
www.massiverleichenbau.de

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Bossard Earns John Deere Recognition; Adds Hilgers as Group Manager

Bossard North America, Inc. has again earned recognition as a Partner-level supplier for 2014 in the John Deere **BOSSARD** Achieving Excellence Program. The Partner-level status is **Deere & Company's** highest supplier rating. The Cedar Falls, IA, USA-based company was selected for the honor in recognition of its dedication to providing products and service of outstanding quality as well as its commitment to continuous improvement.

Suppliers who participate in the John Deere Achieving Excellence program are evaluated annually in several key performance categories including quality, cost management, delivery, technical support and wavelength, which is a measure of responsiveness.

Additionally, the **Bossard Group** recently expanded its Executive Committee with the adding of **Frank Hilgers** to the Group's Executive Committee as of May 1, 2015. Hilgers will take over the group-wide responsibility of category management for the company's brand products as well as its engineered fastening solutions.

www.bossard.com



last month) and only 11% report a decrease in shipping levels (compared to 17% in March).

The percentage of metalforming companies with a portion of their workforce on short time or layoff dipped to 7% in April, down from 10% in March. The April 2015 figure marks a slight decrease from this time last year, when 8% of companies reported workers on short time or layoff.

www.pma.org

NORMA Group wins major order from China auto maker

NORMA Group, a global market leader for engineered joining technology, has secured a major contract for quick connectors with a large Chinese-European Joint Venture OEM. The production of the NORMA- QUICK PS3 quick connectors for use in the customer's water cooling systems will start in 2016 and last until 2026. The company will produce more than four million quick connectors annually at its plant in Qingdao, China, and equip about

1.5 million vehicles until 2026.

“This order is the beginning of a strong relationship between NORMA Group and this major OEM, which just like NORMA Group increases its capacities in China,” commented Bernd Kleinhens, NORMA Group Board Member responsible for business development and the Asia-Pacific region.

www.normagroup.com

Brent Daldo named GM at Doncasters division

Brent Daldo has been named General Manager of Fabricated Products in Don-casters' IGT Turbine Components & Forgings Division, according to an announcement made by Craig Gooding, Divisional President. Daldo reports directly to Gooding, assuming responsibility for the oversight of all fabrication businesses within the Division. He will be located in Chula Vista, CA, USA, and have responsibility for the Division's GCE, MECO and IET operations.

Prior to joining Doncasters, Daldo

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Topy Fastener to Build New Factory in Mexico

Topy Fasteners, a subsidiary company of **Topy Industries** of Japan, will establish a new company and factory in Mexico to manufacture and sell industrial fasteners.



Topy Fasteners supplies industrial fastener products such as precision flat springs to a wide range of fields including two-wheel vehicles, four-wheel vehicles, precision machinery and industrial equipment.

www.topy.co.jp

NAM/MAPI: U.S. Tax System is Holding Back Industry

A white paper released by the **National Association of Manufacturers (NAM)** and the **Manufacturers Alliance for Productivity and Innovation (MAPI)** Foundation highlights that the U.S. corporate tax system is a drag on manufacturers' global competitiveness. The paper says:

- The current global USA tax system puts manufacturing firms at a disadvantage inside and outside foreign countries.
- High corporate tax with double dividends and capital gains taxes, hurts economic efficiency.
- Other countries lower statutory corporate tax rates while the USA rate remains the highest.

www.nam.org



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Fastener Distributor Index (FDI): 52.1 in April

Fastener Distribution at a Glance -- April, 2015

	Index Values						Mar-Apr Change	Direction
	Apr	Mar	Feb	Jan	Dec	Nov		
FDI (fastener sector)	55.4	51.9	49.6	57.3	54.0	57.4	3.5	Growing
FDI (seasonally adjusted)	52.1	50.2	50.4	52.3	56.2	60.1	1.9	Growing
Sales	69.0	53.7	45.0	64.6	62.0	70.3	15.3	Growing
Employment	54.8	53.7	50.0	56.3	58.0	55.4	1.1	Growing
Supplier Deliveries	57.1	66.7	71.7	68.8	60.0	63.5	(9.5)	Slowing
Respondent Inventories	50.0	57.4	63.3	54.2	64.0	55.4	(7.4)	Too Low
Customer Inventories	40.5	33.3	31.7	39.6	36.0	40.5	7.1	Too Low
Pricing, month-to-month	54.8	50.0	56.7	58.3	60.0	62.2	4.8	Higher
Pricing, year-to-year	83.3	68.5	66.7	72.9	72.0	67.6	14.8	Higher
6 Month Outlook, Apr	Higher: 48%		Same: 43%		Lower: 10%			

*DI and Pricing are diffusion indexes based on data supplied by FCH Sourcing Network.
 Index values <50 suggest contraction. Values >50 suggest expansion.

Fastener Distributor Index (FDI) data is collected and analyzed by the **FCH Sourcing Network**:
www.fastenersclearinghouse.com



and the **National Fastener Distributors Association (NFDA)**:

www.nfda-fastener.org.



FDI seeks to identify demand, pricing and outlook trends within the American fastener distribution industry.

was most recently VP and GM of ASC Industries, a subsidiary of the UCI-FRAM Group.

Daldo's distinguished career also includes 10 years with Alcoa in a number of key roles including General Manager of Alcoa Howmet's Tempcraft wax pattern and tooling facility in Cleveland, OH, USA, as well as Director of Operations for Alcoa Howmet's Dover, NJ, USA Casting Facility producing investment cast blades and vanes.

www.doncasters.com

Click Bond announces next generation of leadership

Click Bond, Inc., Carson City, NV, USA, has announced that Karl Hutter has been named the President, Treasurer and CEO of company. Hutter previously served five years as VP of Sales, and most recently, three years as Secretary, Treasurer and COO.



Katherine Hutter Mason has been named Secretary and will continue in her role as Director of

Corporate Communications.

Charlie Hutter and Collie Hutter, who are the co-founders of Click Bond, will continue to be engaged with the company. Charlie Hutter and Collie Hutter have been named to new corporate officer roles as Inventor and Chairman of the Board, respectively.

www.clickbond.com.com

Hudson Fasteners Intros B2B Technology & Launches New Website

Youngstown, OH, USA-Based Hudson Fasteners, Inc., has launched 13 Forces Product Genius™—B2B e-commerce technology that will revolutionize the way fasteners and industrial products are purchased on-line. Hudson Fasteners will utilize its technology in the launch of 1IndustrialWay.com, which is a complete re-branding of HudsonFasteners.com.



The 13 Forces Product Genius B2B e-commerce platform and the 1IndustrialWay™ industrial network

Sales/Net Income Table

Company	Sales	%Δ	Net Income (Net Loss)	%Δ
Alcoa	5800	+7	195	-46
Anixter	1385	+9	27	-30
BuFab Group*	609	+10	33	+97
BE Aerospace	690	+7	78	+23
Carpenter Technology	571	+0.7	(1.4)	-105
Dorman Products	188	+2.7	21	-9.4
Fastenal	953	+8.8	128	+14
Grainger, W.W.	2440	+2.3	214	-2.2
ITW	3342	-6.3	458	-3.2
Lawson Products	70	+1.0	(1.3)	+55
Nucor Corporation	4399	-14	84	-35
RTI International Metals	199	+14	4.5	+118
Simpson Manufacturing	177	+5	10	-17
TriMas Corporation	367	+0.3	14	-24
WESCO	1816	+0.3	47	-9.4

Latest Quarterly Sales/Net Income is shown in US\$ millions, except where noted: * SEK millions %Δ is relative to 2014 quarterly data.

streamline, simplify and expedite the ordering of fasteners and industrial supplies. Hudson Fasteners has visualized and developed an innovative business model that is the natural progression of the big industrial supply catalogs. Customers now have the ability to navigate and purchase 100,000s of SKU numbers in an organized and understandable method.

Hudson Fasteners is a portfolio company at the Youngstown Business Incubator, the number 1 University Affiliated Business Incubator in the wWorld.

The executives at Hudson Fasteners were early adopters of social media, the new medium for sharing news and social marketing, for company brands and products.

Hudson Fasteners is the creator and curator of Fastener News Desk™, which is an on-line authority for industry news, providing resources for the fastener industry. These resources include a blog,

FastenerNewsDesk.com, Fastener News group for industry professionals on LinkedIn and a weekly on-line newspaper called TheFastenerNews.com.

IndustrialWay.com ■

Quarterly Dividends Report...

- **Alcoa**, New York, NY, USA, has declared a quarterly common stock dividend of US\$0.03 per share payable on May 25, 2015, to holders of record at close of business on May 11, 2015. www.alcoa.com
- **Carpenter Technology Corp.**, Wyomissing, PA, USA, has declared a quarterly cash dividend of US\$0.18 per share of common stock payable June 4, 2015, to shareholders of record on May 12, 2015. www.cartech.com
- **Grainger, Inc., W.W.**, Chicago, IL, USA, has raised the quarterly cash dividend by 8% to US\$1.17 per share payable June 1, 2015, to shareholders of record May 11, 2015. pressroom.grainger.com
- **ParkOhio**, Cleveland, OH, USA, declared a quarterly cash dividend of US\$0.125 per share of the common stock outstanding, payable May 29, 2015, to shareholders of record at close of business on May 15, 2015. www.pkoh.com

Conference Calls/Webcasts...

- **KLX Inc.**, Wellington, FL, USA, will issue its financial results for the quarter ended April 30, 2015 on May 20, 2015, and will hold a conference call to discuss results at 9 AM ET. A live audio broadcast of the call will be available on the investor relations page of the website listed below. To receive additional information, visit: www.klx.com
- **Precision Castparts Corp.**, Portland, OR, USA, will host a conference call to discuss fourth quarter fiscal 2015 earnings on May 13, 2015, at 7 AM PT. To receive more information, visit: www.precast.com



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Brighton-Best Acquires Socket Screw Australia

Long Beach, CA, USA-based **Brighton-Best International**, has announced that **Brighton-Best International (AU) Pty. Ltd.** has acquired **Socket Screw Australia Pty. Ltd. (SSA)**, an industry leader providing high-quality socket screws and stainless-related products since 2001. SSA, with four distribution centers across Australia is known for its extensive inventory, competitive prices and high-quality service. The purchase of SSA was structured as an asset transaction.

Jun Xu, Director of Brighton-Best International (AU) Pty. Ltd. commented that the combined strength of Brighton-Best International (AU) and SSA will provide tremendous value and benefit to customer partners across the distribution channel by offering the most complete line of socket products in alloy and stainless material, inch and metric standards as well as the industry-leading line of off-the-shelf specials and semi-standards.

The Brighton-Best International (AU) investment supports its commitment to sell through the distributor-only channel. Both firms have always been committed to this approach.

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www.fastenercoalition.org



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Pac-West Conference & Show Breaks Records

The April 22 to 25, 2015, **Pacific-West Fastener Association (Pac-West) Spring Conference and Tabletop Show** enjoyed significant increases in attendance. Held at the **Westin Hotel** in Long Beach, CA, USA, 277 people participated in the tabletop show, which featured 64 exhibitors.

Conference education sessions included *Risk Management for Fastener Distributors*, *Learn How You Think!* and the Business Owners Forum and Business Executives Forum (the most popular sessions at every Pac-West conference). Additional Conference sessions included *What to Expect From a Fastener Testing Lab* and *The U.S. Economic Outlook*.

Social events for the conference included golf, a reception at the nearby **Rock Bottom Brewery**, a spouse luncheon at the **Long Beach Museum of Art** and an evening party at the home of **Andy and Virginia Cohn of Duncan Bolt**.

Pac-West also announced that **Barry and Bob Porteous** are now honorary members of the association, in recognition of their extraordinary personal contributions to the Pacific-West Fastener Association and the fastener industry.

The Pac-West 2015 *Fall Conference* will take place September 30, 2015 to October 3, 2015, at the **Hyatt Regency Tamaya** outside of Albuquerque, NM, USA. As an added bonus for this conference, all attendees will get to experience the world-renowned Albuquerque International Balloon Fiesta.

www.pac-west.org

Fasteners – Meetaly 2015 Challenge the Future in Italy

UPIVEB, the Italian Association of Fastener Manufacturers, is promoting the first world convention

focused on fasteners, to be held in Milan, Italy, on September 14, 2015, in conjunction with *Expo 2015*.

The convention, *Fasteners – Meetaly 2015 Challenge the Future*, will gather about 500 participants from all over the world (Europe, USA, Japan, China, Taiwan, etc.), in the majority of operations working in the fastener industry (manufacturers, distributors and satellite activities), automotive industry and major public works industry.

www.fastenersmeetaly.com



CFIA Visits TR Fastenings

TR Fastenings, which is the trading business arm of **Trifast plc**, has strengthened its position as a global leader in the fastener industry following the success of the recent VIP visit by **Feng Jin Yao**, Chairman of the **China Fastener Industry Association (CFIA)** to TR's headquarters in Sussex, UK.

Accompanied by his colleagues **Jinyao Wu, Shen Jia Hua and Ella Leung**, Feng Jin Yao was taken on a private tour of TR's manufacturing plant in Uckfield, which produces over 750,000 components a week. The CFIA delegates were shown the company's extensive 20,000 ft² of warehouse and distribution space.

Jin Yao said the visit was an excellent opportunity to talk about international trade and how it is essential to work together, globally.

www.trfastenings.com

B18 Standards Committee on Fasteners Meetings

On May 20, 2015, **ASME** will hold the *B18 Standards Committee on Fasteners and Subcommittee Meetings* from 8 AM to 7 PM PT at the **Courtyard Huntington Beach Fountain Valley** located in Fountain Valley, CA, USA.

www.asme.org

EVENTS

May 14, 2015

NCFA Distributor Social
Independence
www.fastenertradeshow.info

May 27 – 29, 2015

Fastener Trade Show Chengdu
Chengdu, China
www.fastenertradeshow.info

June 8 – 10, 2015

FASTENER TECH '15
Rosemont, IL, USA
www.mwfa.net
www.fastenertech.com

June 10 – 11, 2015

NDFA 2015 Annual Meeting
Rosemont, IL, USA
www.ndfa-fastener.org

June 23 – 25, 2015

Aerospace Fasteners: An Overview
La Mirada, CA, USA
www.fastenertraining.org

July 20 – 24, 2015

Fastener Training Week
Cleveland, OH, USA
www.fastenertraining.org

September 9 – 10, 2015

2015 All-American Fastener Show
Nashville, TN, USA
www.allamericanfastenershow.com

October 20 – 22, 2015

SMI Metal Engineering eXpo™
Charlotte, NC, USA
www.metalingengineeringexpo.org

October 21 – 23, 2015

National Industrial Fastener & Mill Supply Expo
Las Vegas, NV, USA
www.fastenershow.com

October 21 – 23, 2015

15th Fastener Trade Show Suzhou
Suzhou, China
www.fastenertradeshow.info

November 2 – 6, 2015

Fastener Training Week
Cleveland, OH, USA
www.fastenertraining.org

November 8 – 10, 2015

STAFDA Convention and Trade Show
Phoenix, AZ, USA
www.stafda.org



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