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KAPP Technologies Showcases KAPP CBN Wheels at IMTS 2004

Boulder, Colorado (March 29, 2004) – KAPP Technologies, of The KAPP Group, the first company to develop CBN-plated grinding wheels for gear and form grinding, is now offering CBN-plated wheels to be use with or without a KAPP form-grinding machine. KAPP Technologies will display a variety of KAPP CBN wheels and have a specialist available to answer questions at IMTS 2004 in Chicago. “We are excited to be able to supply CBN-plated grinding wheels to the entire gear and form grinding industry,” said Tom Lang, vice president and general manager of KAPP Technologies. “This opens up new markets to us and gives us the opportunity to work with customers who before now couldn’t use our wheels because they didn’t use KAPP machines.

KAPP is considered one of the world’s largest manufacturers of high-precision, galvanically plated CBN and diamond tools. In the past, KAPP sold its tools together with its machines to provide a complete customer-focused turn-key machining process. KAPP’s products include CBN-plated form grinding wheels for discontinuous profile grinding of involute gears, rotors, and other special profiles. KAPP form-grinding wheels can produce both internal and external profiles.

KAPP also manufactures CBN-plated cylindrical worms and diamond-plated Coroning™ tools. The worms are used for continuous generating grinding of involute gears. The Coroning rings are used for continuous honing of involute gears.

“Now all gear manufacturers regardless of machine type can take advantage of our quality and delivery,” said Lang. “Others advertise delivery of CBN wheels within weeks, our standard is 10 days.”

Photo of CBN wheels is attached.

About the KAPP Group

KAPP is a family enterprise with multilingual offspring. Our machines are developed and produced exclusively in Coburg and Berlin, Germany; and more than half are shipped abroad. In addition to the European continent, our major markets are North America, South America, Japan, and China.

KAPP’s strategically placed branches are a physical demonstration of our personalized customer service. In Boulder, Colorado, KAPP tools are manufactured, re-engineered, and re-plated. In Sao Paulo, Brazil, and Nagoya, Japan, grinding wheels are re-plated. This global presence enables us to supply our customers rapidly and provide superior on-site support. Yet above all, our goal is to guarantee the same consistent standard of excellence worldwide.

The KAPP Group consists of; KAPP GmbH in Coburg, NILES GmbH in Berlin, and three KAPP plants in Brazil, Japan, and the USA. Group headquarters is in Coburg. Worldwide, we have nearly 800 employees, with more than 600 in Germany. Our numbers have grown markedly in recent years, and we consistently find ourselves needing more skilled specialists than are available.

To see a variety of KAPP CBN wheels and talk to a machine tool specialist, please visit our booth #B-6931 at IMTS 2004 in Chicago. For more information, visit our Web sites at www.kapp-coburg.de or www.kapp-usa.com.###