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Featured Manufacturer Mahuta Tool Corp.

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Assembly Tool for Solenoids

Description of Product: Full service manufacturer and supplier of tooling, fixtures, dies, assemblies and short run CNC machining.

Years in Business: 20 years, the past 10 in the Germantown Industrial Park.

Number of Employees: 20 employees working two shifts allowing a quick response to service customer break downs and the ability to offer shorter lead times to our customers.

Business Model: We strive to develop partnerships with our customers. Working together to meet our customers needs in quality, on time delivery and fair pricing. Our team of employees at Mahuta Tool Corp. has a reputation for exceptional work ethics and as problem solvers.

Markets Served: Currently, we service the food packaging, medical, lawn and garden, heavy construction, mining, electronic, automotive, office furnishing, and machine building industries in both tooling and contract machining.



Progressive Die



Turning and Threading

Long Range Plans: We plan to break ground on our first addition to our 10,000 sq. ft. building this fall. Along with the 4,200 sq. ft. addition plans are to purchase a VTL to meet our customers needs to do larger CNC turning.

Best Practices: Mahuta Tool Corp. strives to do continuous improvement in 5-S and lean processes and training of their employees.

Success Story: Owners Ken and Lynn Mahuta have always believed in the Wisconsin's indentured **apprenticeship program**. In the twenty years in business they have had five employees complete the tool and die maker apprenticeship. As members of the National Tool and Machining Association (NTMA), Milwaukee Chapter all of their apprentices have had the opportunity to compete in the National Apprentice competition in their fifth year of their training. In fact, when Ken was an apprentice he competed in the 2nd annual competition and won second place. We have also had the first place winner in 2000.



In April, Luke Starch competed and also won second place in the NTMA's 36th annual competition this year. During the intense two day National competition held in Cleveland, Luke produced projects using lathes, mills and surface grinders, as well as demonstrating his general knowledge in a written exam. As one of the top three contestants he was awarded a 10-day expense-paid trip to Switzerland as a guest of the Swiss Embassy in September. Luke will tour various machine tool builders and observe the apprentice program in Switzerland, where ninth graders are offered a choice of college preparatory courses or occupational apprenticeships.

Commitment to Community: As a member of the **Germantown Manufacturing Alliance**, Mahuta Tool Corp. has shown its support by offering plant tours to students and parents over the past two years. Mahuta Tool Corp. will open its doors on September 17th and 20th again for students and parents that might be interested in a career in precision metalworking. **Continued see next page.....**



Mahuta has been instrumental in introducing the **Bots IQ program** to the schools in the surrounding area. Bots IQ was formed to introduce students, teachers, and parents to the career opportunities available in high tech manufacturing. Bots IQ provides a platform to allow students to discover their skills in a competition using a combination of math, science, electronics, mechanics, and engineering in a team work environment.

Bots IQ clubs are formed in middle and high schools where they design and build a remote controlled 15 lb. Bot to compete in a three minute matches. Each school also has a team sponsor from area manufacturers to mentor and assist in the building of the Bot. Team members are allowed to tour the sponsor's facilities and see first hand various career paths in advanced manufacturing that await them upon graduating high school. Mahuta Tool Corp.'s newest tool and die apprentice was a team member of the Bots IQ club at Slinger High School.

The next competition will be held at Discovery World on November 8, 2008.

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Report from the Schools

Gene Szymaszek has retired from GHS; Luke Lechner will be heading up the Automotive Tech Ed area

School to Work Program

Five Thousand Dollars has been donated toward the development of a summer youth work experience program in Germantown. The objective is to have a website as a clearing house for local employment opportunities for students. The goal is to have the website and program details in place before next summer with an introduction to students.

Next Meeting:

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2008, 7:30AM
AT DESERT AIRE
N120 W18485 Freistadt Road, Germantown**

WMC Requests Your Help for Manufacturing Survey

WMC has partnered with WMEP to promote participation in Wisconsin's Next Generation Manufacturing (NGM) Survey.

The purpose of the survey is to identify, measure, and improve performance and best practice management strategies for achieving world-class status in the 21st century. The survey findings will be used to strengthen and align local and state policies, programs, and infrastructure supporting the state's 10,000 manufacturers. Each participant will receive a customized NGM performance report or a summary report if you participate anonymously. Summary survey results will be widely disseminated to elected officials, state policymakers, business leaders, the media and the general public.

The Next Generation Manufacturing Survey is web-based and can be completed in approximately 30 minutes. You can complete the study online, or download a PDF copy and mail in your completed survey by going to: **www.WisconsinNGM.com** Your individual responses will be held in strictest confidence. **The deadline for survey completion is September 30, 2008.**

For additional information about the survey, please call (877) 800-2124.

What Else?

Cargill Inc. plans to build a 14,380 sq. ft. addition to its 56,056 sq. ft. plant at W194 N11411 McCormick Drive in Germantown. The company will add six employees at the plant. Cargill is an international provider of food, agricultural and risk management products and services and has 158,000 employees in 66 countries.

MGS Mfg. Group, Inc. recently purchased two new 880 ton Krauss Maffei presses to increase capacity at the company's TecStar Manufacturing Company. TecStar is the MGS division that handles advanced technology molding. MGS's TecStar facility in Germantown is about 200,000 sq. ft. and employs about 400 employees. It also operates two TecStar facilities in Illinois and another in Mexico.