



Tooling Matters

Want to find the best solutions to your current metalcutting tooling issues in the most time-efficient manner? *Tooling Matters* on March 20, Hilton Hotel, Warwick, will allow you to talk to 20 tooling companies, all in the same place, all on the same day

Sign up today at www.toolingmatters.co.uk if you want to discuss turning, milling, drilling, threading, grooving, boring, inserts, toolholders, tool dispensing systems, tool rationalisation and more. There'll be no better tooling-focused event this year.

Tooling Matters brings 20 cutting tool suppliers together, all in one place, all on a single day – Tuesday, 20 March at the Hilton Hotel, Warwick (see box item, opposite page).

Tooling is a technology where advances are continually being made. A look at *Machinery's* website tells you that much. Of the approaching 500 product launches listed for last year, just about 20 per cent were for tooling products – by far the largest single category of product launches.

But that's just the tip of the iceberg because tooling companies do not release product information for every last change, update or range expansion – these run to 1,000s each year for major companies: positively overwhelming.

The very best way to be fully briefed

on all tooling developments is through face-to-face discussion about your company's particular needs with a cutting tool specialist. And the best and most efficient way to get fully briefed is to have those discussions with multiple suppliers on the same day in the same place – that's exactly the point of *Tooling Matters*.

Cutting tool suppliers signed for the event are:

Kennametal Inc, the largest manufacturer of metalcutting tools in North America and the second largest worldwide. Apart from comprehensive metalcutting solutions, the company also offers tool dispensing and tool management software products.

Walter, a leading name in the metalworking sector for over 85 years. Its products, precision tools and software, are manufactured in several locations around the world, with a customer base ranging from leading global corporations to small and medium-sized enterprises.

In the area of carbide tooling, it makes a complete series of high quality tools, such as the new, revolutionary Xtra tec tool system that enables customers to increase performance by up to 100 per cent.

Stellram, part of Allegheny Technologies Incorporated, and

headquartered in Nashville, Tennessee, it has manufacturing centres in the United Kingdom, Switzerland and the United States. Stellram's customers are serviced through a worldwide direct sales and distribution network. Sales offices are maintained in nine countries and products are available through an industrial distribution network in 40 countries.

Global standard products are shipped within 24 hours from central stocking locations in North America and Europe. Central warehouses located in Gland, Switzerland, and Nashville, Tennessee, are linked by a sophisticated global ERP network. Products needed to support local markets are maintained in each country to cover the whole gamut of metalcutting. It also offers its Tool Vending solutions for those who want stock but yet don't want to pay for it in advance.

Sumitomo Electric Hardmetal, with its concept of high feedrates and long tool life, aims to drive down the cost of machining. Specifically for turning, milling, drilling, and boring applications, the product range includes indexable inserts and solid tools developed to machine a wide range of workpiece materials.

NTK Cutting Tools, a division of NTK Technical Ceramics, part of the mighty NGK Spark Plugs Corporation of Japan,



has always made ceramics the core of its business.

One of its latest developments is poly-crystalline diamond which brings a new and cost effective dimension to high speed cutting of aluminium alloy materials.

Gewefa UK, a subsidiary of Gewefa GmbH and one of the leading precision toolholding manufacturers in Europe, also represents Pibomulti (multi-heads), EWS (driven toolholders), Nann (collets) and Parlec (presetters).

OSG UK, with standard products that "include features offered as premium by our competition", adds: "our cutting tools last longer, hold closer tolerances, and stand up to abrasion and galling".

Komet UK, well known for its boring systems, is also a supplier of turning and milling tools.

Fenn Tool, associated with a number of tooling brands, offers Fetoga drills, countersinks and reamers as well as milling cutters; Hahnreiter taps; Sphinx micro drills, solid carbide drills, including coolant feed types, and milling cutters; Millstar indexable milling cutters for the die and mould industry; and Dummel grooving, threading, boring, chamfering, via turning or milling through circular interpolation. The company also represents tool presetter maker Zöller.

Floyd Automatic Tooling, a specialist in sliding-head automatic lathe tooling, both CNC and non-CNC, is also the UK agent for Mikron's high performance Crazy Drill.

Horn UK, a specialist in grooving tools, places a high emphasis on bespoke solutions.

TaeguTec UK, part of the IMC Group, and established in 2000, has averaged a year-on-year growth rate of 40 per cent. The company has built a strong foothold in the UK cutting tool industry.

Stocdon, manufacturer of high quality, unique tooling solutions, "guarantees to make you significant returns on expenditure". The company has been doing this for its customers for

over 23 years, "by providing only cost-effective tooling solutions of outstanding quality, technology and innovation, and backing this up with the same high quality, professional advice, customer service and delivery", from carbide inserts to boring systems to workholding.

Drill Service, founded in 1961 with the simple aim to make available to UK manufacturers the very best drills and end cutting tools, backed up with expert advice, offers an unrivalled stock of some 30,000 different cutting tools for same-day despatch to over 6,000 customers worldwide. The company also offers CNC drilling machines and sub-contract drilling.

Allied Maxcut Engineering, the European headquarters for Allied Machine & Engineering Corp of Ohio, USA, offers a range of drilling tools that the company distributes.

Elite Tooling, specialising in high performance drilling, tapping and milling products.

Dormer Tools, one of the world's largest producers of high speed steel cutting tools, has also just launched its MP-X range of carbide drills for cost-effective, high performance tooling.

Heule, specialist in the manufacture of deburring, back-chamfering, spot-facing and counterboring tools.

Rainford Precision, the UK agent for Japan's Union Tool, a specialist in solid

Prepare to meet your ideal solution

Tooling Matters is to be held on 20 March 2007 at the Hilton Hotel, Warwickshire, in the Avon Suite. The hotel is located at Junction 15 on the M40. The event will run from 10 am to 4 pm.

To help you get the most from your visit and to make sure suppliers are armed with the answers on the day, visit the *Tooling Matters* website (www.toolingmatters.co.uk) and fill in the online form. All attending suppliers will have access to this information, but you can highlight on the form those companies with whom you very definitely want to have discussions, so helping them to prepare. There's also a file upload link. Photos, drawings or other information that will make discussions easier on the day can be transferred, again to help tooling companies gain the fullest understanding of your tooling challenges.

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Talk to all of these experts in a single day at *Tooling Matters* and boost your productivity and profitability.

