

Revolvo leads market with 2-year bearing warranty



Revolvo has further enhanced confidence in its large bearings, split roller bearings and bespoke slewing rings by extending warranty to two years. For the majority of the marketplace this represents a 100% increase and no other supplier currently matches this level of warranty.

"The fact that we have introduced such a comprehensive warranty is evidence of the confidence we have in the quality and reliability of our manufacturing," said Adrian Menzies, Revolvo's Sales and Marketing Director. "Our customers are benefiting from the high levels of investment that we have made in cellular manufacturing, including the latest state-of-the-art CNC machining centres."

The new 24-month warranty deal includes large solid bearings (standard and bespoke), SRB split roller bearings in sizes up to 1500mm OD and bespoke slewing rings in sizes from 300mm to 4500mm.

Government backs engineers to save water

The UK government has invested £2.5m in seven engineering projects designed to develop new technologies that could save one billion litres of water a day. Among the innovative technologies under development are an inspection vehicle that can travel through water pipes and an unmanned aerial vehicle equipped to identify hidden water supplies. Research is also taking place to investigate new methods of treating and re-using both industrial and agricultural water.

Iain Gray, chief executive of the Technology Strategy Board (TSB), one of the bodies funding the research, explained that securing the sustainable supply of water is a major challenge for modern societies but one that could be exploited by UK engineering. "This presents innovation opportunities in water for UK businesses, particularly in the export market and for companies in the supply chain," Gray said. "The research and development we are funding will help UK companies improve their access to global water markets."



ERIKS and WEG join H J Weir in the USA

H J Weir, the renowned provider of engineering solutions for the global laundry industry, is to strengthen its supply partnership with *ERIKS* and WEG motors as it expands into the USA.

HJ Weir's full range of separating, feeding, folding and stacking systems for sheets, duvet covers, pillow cases, table linen, napkins, towels and blankets will now be made available across the Atlantic from new subsidiary HJ Weir USA Inc. The company's laundry equipment is driven by WEG W22 IE3 premium efficiency motors supplied by *ERIKS*.

"The successful business model that has fuelled our continuous growth over the last few years is a synergy of many parts," said Rob Weir, managing director of H J Weir. "The supply partnership that we have built up with *ERIKS* and WEG motors is a key element in this synergy, providing us with certainty in terms of reliability, cost and delivery times for the WEG motors used on our machines. The decision to continue with this partnership as part of our expansion into the US market was a no-brainer. We are looking to *ERIKS* and WEG to meet all our increased requirements as we develop our US business."



HSE to charge fees for addressing H&S failures

The HSE (Health and Safety Executive) now operates a Fee for Intervention (FFI) cost recovery scheme, which came into effect on 1 October 2012. Under The Health and Safety (Fees) Regulations 2012, those who break health and safety laws are liable for recovery of HSE's related costs, including inspection, investigation and taking enforcement action. Fees apply up to the point where HSE's intervention in supporting businesses in putting matters right has concluded.

A material breach is defined by the HSE as a contravention of health and safety law that is serious enough to require them to notify the person in material breach of that opinion in writing. Until now, the costs incurred by HSE intervention have been covered by the taxpayer but under the new regulations the investigated company will be required to pay a Fee for Intervention (FFI) at an hourly rate of £124.

