



## Publishing Talk

A new addition to the *Fisher Marketing* portfolio for the new year is Andy Pye. Andy has been well known for many years as editor of several engineering titles, including *Design Engineering*, *Engineering* and most recently *Industrial Technology*. Around the turn of the century, Andy turned his attention to the developing online publishing sector, as co-founder of the *Pro-Talk* business, which was sold to *Centaur Media* in 2006. Andy told us: "Having spent 18 months helping *Pro-Talk* bed in at *Centaur*, I'm delighted to be joining *Fisher Marketing*, a company with whom I've had so many dealings in the past, and it will be great to keep in touch with all my friends and colleagues in the technical media." Andy will focus on both print media and online marketing projects, dividing his time between the Westerham office and his office in Blackheath, London.

Suzanne Gill is leaving *Datateam* to work on an international confectionery title, *Kennedy's Confection*, which has recently re-located from London to Tonbridge. She would like to thank everyone for their help and support over the years and hopes to see or hear from many of you in her new role.

Neil Mead, Editor of *Factory Equipment*, will take over from Suzanne as editor of *Automation*. A new editor of *Electrical Engineering* has been appointed and is due to join *Datateam* in February.

Paul Wolfe has recently joined the *IML Group* as the Assistant Editor for *Electronic Manufacture and Test* and *Electronic Product Design*. Paul was previously the Commissioning Editor of *Eurotransport* at Russell Publishing and can now be reached on +44 (0)1732 359 990 and paul.wolfe@imlgroup.co.uk

*Converting Today* editor Michael Taylor is to step down as of 1 February 2008. Sonali Advani will take over the position of editor, though Michael will continue to work for the magazine on a part-time basis.

As you might expect, the *Technical Press Insider* is the ideal vehicle for gossip, rants, jobs, freelancing opportunities and all manner of publishing activities... oh yes, and news. So, if you have something to say or you want some help, drop us a line and we will see what we can do.

## Headline Makers

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The V300 is the latest safety camera from a leading sensor manufacturer for machine guarding applications. Designed as a single box solution, the V300 is the first practical camera solution for point of operation guarding, reducing the number of parts and installation time required by traditional safety light curtains.

The digital interface valve (DIV) is an advanced hydraulic valve with microprocessor-based electronics and various fieldbus interfaces. This generation of valve offers configurable functions that enable customers to define the dynamic behaviour of the valve and adapt its characteristics to particular application requirements, while providing high-precision digital control of pressure and flow.



To effectively manage real-time control and information flow throughout the manufacturing and IT enterprise, a leading automation supplier is introducing a full portfolio of industrial Ethernet switches and media, featuring a line of managed switches integrated with Cisco technology.

A Redhill based Search and rescue technology specialist announces the launch of the third generation Kannad GPS Personal Locator Beacon (PLB), which has been specifically designed for use in a wide variety of environments but with safety at sea as the prime objective.

A leading torque tool manufacturer has invested over £300,000 in a new Gleason-Pfauter CNC gear hobbing machine with robotic feeder in a bid to match demand for increased sales volumes of its pneumatic torque wrenches and torque multipliers.

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It's not every day you get to try before you buy, but you can with a leading automation supplier. The company is offering a free isolator switch for you to try in any suitable application. No strings, no catches, just a superior quality switch which can be used to improve the finish on any panel.

Drilling in choppy seas is fraught with hazards. As the sea swells relative to the drilling platform, the stresses and strains induced on a drill pipe will alternately take the weight of the ship or try to pull itself out of the seabed. Now, an ingenious servo hydraulic protection system from a leading manufacturer of servo-hydraulic and servo-electric drive systems, provides an intelligent 'flow fuse' that not only automatically resets, but regulates the platform speed in the event of an exceptional wave and brings the whole platform to a controlled stop in the event of a drill break.

To help smooth out the process of specifying and ordering AC Drives and related ancillaries, a leading automation supplier has introduced a configured drives service that has been designed to fulfil the needs of a wide variety of industrial applications. Field business leader for power control, Jonathan Smith, explains the rationale behind the concept.

An Epsom-based utility telemetry and control specialist, a major player in the telemetry market, offers a comprehensive range of remote telemetry units (RTUs) for companies and organisations with geographically dispersed assets in a wide variety of industry sectors.

Following the hugely successful adoption of the E050 Miniature Cartridge Direct Drive Valve (DDV) by the Motorsport industry, a leading manufacturer of servo-hydraulic and servo-electric drive systems now offers this technology for servo valves and servo-proportional valves to provide the twin benefits of high performance and precision motion control in other industry sectors.



### ***What's Happening?***

MTEC – NEC, Birmingham – Feb 13-14 – 0203 147 4620

Heath & Safety 08 – Sandown Park, Esher – Feb 26-27 2008 – 01342 314300

Drives & Controls Exhibition – NEC, Birmingham – Apr 22-24 2008 – 01922 644766

Plant & Works Exhibition – NEC, Birmingham – Apr 22-24 2008 - 01732 370340

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