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Hydromat Joins Forces with Tornos S.A. In A Strategic Alliance To Become The Exclusive Distributor Of The Tornos Multi-Spindle Machines In North America

St. Louis, MO - Hydromat is pleased to announce a new strategic alliance with Tornos S. A. of Switzerland. Hydromat Inc., headquartered in St. Louis Missouri, will now represent the Tornos line of multispindle lathes in the United States, Canada and Mexico. The addition of the Tornos line of multispindle machines to their already impressive array of rotary transfer machines creates the ultimate line-up for the precision part making industry. Hydromat's extensive experience in the marketplace and engineering excellence teamed with the Tornos multispindle line enables Hydromat to expand its offerings to always give it's customers the best metal cutting solution for each specific application. Hydromat's commitment to the Tornos multispindle operation will include sales, engineering, set-up, service, and parts stocked at their centrally located St. Louis campus.

The alliance between Hydromat and Tornos S.A. is a leap forward for the high volume and precision-machined parts industry. Hydromat's 27 years of success in the rotary transfer marketplace combined with Tornos' multispindle history, one dating back to 1958, creates a rich synergy that will benefit the customer. The Hydromat organization serves a broad clientele in the precision parts industry, and all parties involved believe this alliance will result in the expansion of the Tornos multispindle lines into new market segments. The Hydromat organization, a staff of 150+, will bring their dedication to total customer satisfaction and a commitment to excellence to the future success of these products to be known as 'TORNOS MULTI by Hydromat'.

Hydromat will represent the full multispindle line including; The MultiDECO 6 and 8 spindle, 20mm and 32mm bar-fed and 50mm chucker machines as well as the SAS 16.6 cam-operated lathe. The MultiDECO line features the powerful Fanuc control with TB Deco Programming Software for advanced machining flexibility and programming versatility. These principals combined with the Tornos machine's strength and supreme accuracy raises the bar for multispindle productivity.

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The Tornos MD 20/8b will make its first trade show appearance under the Hydromat banner at IMTS this September in booth #A-8127. The MD 20/8b features a 4-20mm (24mm) capacity powered by a Fanuc control with Tornos programming software.

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This machine, as in all Tornos multispindles, combine this advanced control technology with the robust construction Tornos is known for. In more than 4000 Tornos multispindle machines operating throughout the world, each has the strength and accuracy that comes from Hirth couplings, high-precision spindles, as well as a base manufactured from a mineral compound with the CNC machines. The Tornos multispindle flexibility and quick, cost-effective changeovers comes from standard commercially available tooling, standard units with position interchangeability, and an array of milling, broaching, threading and drilling attachments.

Tornos has recently appointed Scott Kowalski as the new President of the U.S. single spindle lathe organization. The Tornos U.S. operation moves forward with the Single Spindle products with an additional Tech Center located in the Midwest, allowing for a greater concentration on that section of the marketplace while maintaining a presence in Connecticut.

At IMTS 2006 the Tornos Multispindle 20/8b will be displayed alongside the Hydromat machines in Booth #A-8127. Hydromat will exhibit four rotary transfer machines. Three will feature the EPIC R/T EMC Technology and one will be the latest Legacy machine, a new version of the classic technology that made Hydromat the industry leader in rotary transfer machining.

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Caption: The Tornos Multi by Hydromat model 20/8b will be featured alongside the Hydromat Rotary Transfer machines at IMTS 2006 in booth A-8127. Hydromat's commitment to the Tornos multispindle operation will include sales, engineering, set-up, service, and parts stocked at their centrally located St. Louis campus.

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