



DAVID CRIMP

APPOINTMENTS

Cookson Electronics is pleased to announce the appointment of **David Crimp** as executive vice president, Enthone Europe. This appointment extends Crimp's current role as executive vice president of Cookson Electronics' Alpha business in Europe.

In his expanded role, "David will look for opportunities to create synergies between the Enthone and Alpha businesses wherever feasible," said Steve Corbett, CEO Cookson Electronics. "He will utilize his experience and knowledge to blend the best from both organizations. David's appointment will allow us to fulfill the potential of our excellent businesses."

Mr. Crimp has been with Cookson Group for more than 20 years. He brings to Enthone Europe an inclusive, engaging and visionary leadership style together with a wealth of business and commercial experience. Crimp's key achievements at Cookson have included the successful transition of the Alpha business from autonomous country business units to a single Pan-European entity.

Pavco Inc. has named **Dennis Dumsha** Global Approvals Manager, who will be responsible for obtaining Pavco product approvals for both domestic and foreign finishing specifications with an emphasis on automotive approvals. He will be based out of Pavco's Charlotte, N.C., facility.

CERTIFICATIONS

Columbia Chemical, one of the world's largest manufacturers of zinc plating additives, has been granted zinc nickel approval by General Motors for COLDIP NI-Z TRI BLUE 100 with Zinc-Chro-PELLENT under the GMW 4700B specification. Columbia Chemical's unique

all trivalent passivating conversion coating for electroplated zinc nickel alloy is now part GM's limited list of approved finishers for zinc nickel. COLDIP NI-Z TRI BLUE 100 with Zinc-Chro-PELLENT meets all of the GMW 4700B specification minimum requirements including 240 hours to white corrosion, 1,000 hours to red corrosion and 60 cycles of the cyclic test. Please visit www.columbiachemical.com for more information.

DYMAX Corporation, a world-leading manufacturer of advanced light-curable adhesives, coatings, epoxies, masking resins, and light-curing systems, has announced that as of July 27, 2010, it is now registered to the 2008 revision of the ISO 9001 quality management system standard. The ISO 9001 standard provides a tried and tested framework for taking a systematic approach to managing the organization's processes so that they consistently turn out product that satisfies customers' expectations. In addition, the standard stresses the importance of continually improving processes in order to exceed customer expectations. Registration to ISO 9001 requires evaluation by an independent, accredited auditing body.

U.S. INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION

A newly released Federal Reserve report showed **U.S. industrial production rose 1%** in July after having edged down 0.1% in June. Overall, manufacturing output moved up 1.1% in July after having fallen 0.5% in June. A large contributor to the jump in manufacturing output in July was an increase of nearly 10% in the production of motor vehicles and parts. Even so, manufacturing production excluding motor vehicles

and parts advanced 0.6%.

Most major market groups recorded gains in output in July, with the exception of nondurable consumer goods, which remained unchanged. The production of consumer goods moved up 1.1%, as the output of consumer durables jumped 4.9%. In addition to a gain of 8.8% in the output of automotive products—which was mainly due to a large increase in light truck assemblies—the indexes for home electronics and for miscellaneous goods increased 1.3% and 1.5%, respectively; the index for appliances, furniture, and carpeting moved up 0.5%. Among components of consumer nondurables: the output of non-energy nondurables declined 0.2%, and the output of consumer energy products moved up 0.7%. Within non-energy nondurables, the output both of foods/tobacco and of clothing fell, while the indexes for consumer chemicals and paper products increased.

Additional highlights: The output of business equipment rose 1.8% in July. Within business equipment, the production of transit equipment advanced 6.3%. Elsewhere in business equipment, the index for information processing equipment rose 1.1% after dropping in June. The index for industrial and other equipment increased 0.8% in July and now stands about 13.3% above its trough from a year earlier.

The output of defense and space equipment moved up 1.1%; the increase was mostly the result of a continued rebound in military aircraft production following reductions in the output of cargo airplanes due to a strike that ended in the first half of June. Meanwhile, the output of construction supplies rose 0.5% in July after seeing little change over the previous two months.

JULY U.S. AUTO SALES

After a month-over-month decline in

U.S. auto sales, many automakers switched gears and boosted revenues in July—to the collective tune of 5%. Industry estimates put the total number of cars and light trucks sold to 1 million units. Among the beneficiaries of consumers' willingness to spend: **Nissan**, up 28%; **Volkswagen**, 13.4%; **Subaru**, 11%; **BMW**, 10.1% (U.S. only); **Hyundai Motor Co.**, 6%; and **Chrysler, Ford**, and **GM**, each growing sales by 5%.

What's more, the majority of these manufacturers experienced double-digit sales gains in a year-over-year comparison, with some year-over-year increases as high as 21%.

For GM, July's performance—on a year-over-year basis—was especially palpable when viewed via the prism of its four "core" brands: Chevrolet, Buick, GMC and Cadillac. According to Don Johnson, vice president, U.S. sales operations, revenues among the core four increased by a combined 25% to 199,432 units. Buick and Cadillac brands each sold more than twice as many vehicles in July, compared with the same month a year ago, Johnson noted. In fact, July marks the 10th straight month in which total and retail sales for GM's brands increased year-over-year.

New vehicles also helped Ford accelerate sales growth. According to Ken Czuby, Ford's vice president, U.S. marketing, sales and service, Ford, Lincoln, and Mercury dealers delivered 166,092 new vehicles in July. Year-to-date sales totaled 1.12 million, up 24%, with growth across Ford's full family of cars (up 21%), utilities (up 19%) and trucks (up 32%).

On the downside, several nameplates experienced minor month-over-month declines in July. **Toyota** reported sales were down 3% during the month, with revenues at **Honda** off 2%. Toyota and Honda had experienced declines of 14% and 9%, respectively, in June.

IPC RELEASES PCB INDUSTRY RESULTS FOR JUNE 2010

A newly released report provided by

the **Association Connecting Electronic Industries**, or IPC, shows rigid printed circuit board shipments increased 25.3%, with flexible circuit board shipments growing 14.8%. The June report also reflected an increase in bookings for both printed and flexible circuit boards. Booking for rigid printed circuit boards grew 29.3%, while flexible shipments were up 11%. Compared to the previous month, rigid PCB shipments increased 13.7% and rigid bookings increased 9.7%.

Year to date, flexible circuit shipments increased 0.6% and bookings were up 15.5%. Compared to the previous month, flexible circuit shipments went up 28.1% and flexible circuit bookings declined 2.7%. For rigid PCBs and flexible circuits combined, industry shipments in June 2010 increased 24.4% from June 2009, as orders booked increased nearly 28% from June 2009. Year to date, combined industry shipments were up 17.6% and bookings were up

33.4%. Compared to the previous month, combined industry shipments for June 2010 increased 14.8% and bookings went up 8.6%.

Additional highlights from IPC's report: The North American flexible circuit book-to-bill ratio in June 2010 remained high at 1.15, while the book-to-bill ratio for the North American rigid printed circuit board industry stood at 1.12 in June. The combined rigid and flexible circuit board industry book-to-bill ratio in June 2010 was 1.12. Rule of thumb: A ratio of more than 1.00 suggests that current demand is ahead of supply, which is a positive indicator for sales growth over the next two to three months.

"The book-to-bill ratios for both rigid PCBs and flexible circuits remain well above parity, which suggests a positive outlook for the remainder of the year," said Denny McGuirk, IPC president and CEO. "Sales growth is stabilizing, but year-on-year growth in both segments is continuing in double digits."



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