The newsletter for friends and business partners of Harms & Wende GmbH & Co. KG, Hamburg (Germany)

Automotive - GeniusMFI hits the market

Strong global sales

Our GeniusMFI travels around the globe - major OEM companies have placed orders for our cutting edge technology. Slovakia, Czech Republic, Gemany, Korea, Poland, Hungary and Romania, ... just some of the countries where the inverter will be found. They operate in workstations where either car bodies or components are being welded. Customers choose GeniusMFI because of its great flexibility.

Along with the inverters, XPegasus as a user interface is warmly welcomed by operators as it provides a quick overview of robot cells and production lines, locally and around the world. Predefined function packages are available at Harms & Wende.

Editorial

While I write this newsletter to you. Harms & Wende is in an exciting position. It is not only the 65th anniversary of our company it is also our best year of orders in our history. Our crew feels honored being part of our history having served customers over such a long period of time bringing so many systems to the market.

This issue of our Weld Times differs from the previous ones in that we incorporate the articles from partners and customers. We did this in order to bring theory and practical operational information together.

Our as well as our partners way is to listen to you to bring the optimal solution to you. This principle cannot be repeated often enough since only glad customers bring us success.



I hope you enjoy reading this issue and remain with my best wishes

Jörg Eggers

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Micro welding & industrial solutions

HFI System with 10000 Hz & Comfortable solutions for the industrial user

Our new high frequency system has been designed for welding micro components where fast regulation and quick current raise is mandatory. On the other hand we designed a powerful user panel for our medium frequency inverters, used for single station operations: XComand. In many industrial applications systems are used as single station units - XComand follows this demand.

Micro welding

SiniusHFI family

Our new SiniusHFI (10 000 Hz) inverter family stands for fast regulation in microseconds. Combined with flexible programming through PLC interface or user panel Varius for direct data input. Data input via PLC allows machine builders and integrators to build their own tailor made interfaces. By so doing, the machine control panel and welding parts can be combined into one single user panel.

Our new Varius user panel offers direct

parameter input using just one-button strategy. By just turning and pushing one single button almost any parameter can be set.

Along with our inverters we provide transformers as complete packages which have been tested and optimized for readability and ease-of-use.

| System | Operation |
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| SiniusHFI | full implementation in the machine user interface through PLC |
| | Operation of the HFI inverter through user panel Varius Machine communication through field bus |

Key words: HF systems, 10000 Hz welding, XComand, GeniusMFI

Industrial solutions

Your powerful operation panel XComand

Our industrial customers requested a single station inverter system from us, which is ready to be delivered. Following our vision to make systems easier to use the result became XComand. XComand is a touch panel running a XPegasus like visual interface with automatic identification of the inverter

connected. A regular Genius family inverter is taken and simply connected via Ethernet interface to XComand. The link between both units is established automatically.

XComand shows, by default monitoring buttons on the screen, the operator the status of the weld process. The



operator has the possibility to adjust parameters in certain limits to change settings whenever necessary. Adjustments are saved in a logbook to trace the changes.



Over the next years we will supply 1500 GeniusMFI inverters with IQR to Volkswagen to different plants. Currently (June/July 2011) 500 systems are prepared and shipped. Harms & Wende systems at Volkswagen have a long tradition, but this order is the biggest one received from

this company so far.



The first systems supplied to Hyundai in South Korea have been supplied in 2006. In the meantime systems have been continuously established in various car lines. The largest at this moment is at the factory Asan, which is located not very far from Seoul. The Tier suppliers are constantly supplied with our MFDC technology following the advice of Hyundai. Hyundai extends their lines with GeniusMFI as well



The sister company of Hyundai also changed from the traditional AC systems to our MFDC technology. The plant Sohari (Seoul) gets continuously inverter systems as well as the Tier suppliers. Kia is a new customer which our partner MDT could win with great effort the last year.



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From different markets



Welcome to the crew - DEM Barcelona

Spain was always an important market for us in our core region Europe. We are happy to announce that we established our cooperation with company DEM in Barcelona since June 2011. The headquarters of DEM is located north of Barcelona close to many of our existing customers in the area.

DEM is known in welding business for copper components and medium sized machines like weld cells. DEM supports our customers in sales advice, service and weld trials. As additional advantage of DEM our international customers with facilities in Spain find staff speaking English, German,

French and of course Spanish for your convenience.



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Key to success – extended training

Our partner in Brasil orders training for extended knowledge. Apart from many Ratia 73 weld timers, HWI 2808 MFDC inverters the first GeniusMFI have been done in operation. These Genius units will operate in the pilot plant of an automotive company. In addition of the training on the Genius

inverters a follow-up of all other units has be done. During do Brazil has over the years successfully commissioned systems at Tiers suppliers as well as at OEM customers. Good knowledge of the systems is the key to the acceptance by the customer - the key to success. The training will be extended by visits of the

Brazilian crew in Hamburg or Harms & Wende staff on-site.

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High Tech from Småland

For many years we are active in many countries and are represented by partners. In this issue we want to bring the readers of the German newsletter "Schweißzeit" (Weld Times) our activities abroad closer.

The region of Småland is well known by the writer Astrid Lindgren. Who is not familiar with the stories from Emil from Lönneberga or the six Bullerby children? The region is also well known for high-tech products coming from the region.

Hestra Automation – Best technology

Since a couple of years Hestra Automation and Harms & Wende have built up our friendship and have realized a couple of projects. In this issue of the Schweißzeit we present you a project which was initiated and completed last year.



The following text and images have been kindly provided by Hestra Automation for this issue.

Hestra Automation has designed and manufactured a complete installation for manufacturing wire trays in close cooperation with the customer. In order to minimise handling times and material costs, the production process is fully automated from the basic material (wire coil) to the finished product stacked on pallets.

Two processes...

The installation is built up around two main processes, one for wiremesh welding and one for bending. To ensure optimal capacity utilization and minimise production outages, no mechanical retooling is carried out at product changeover, everything is done from the operating panel. The latest MFDC technique (HWI 2813) is used for welding the wire mesh: It allows the product to be welded with individual current control and includes a built-in alarm that warns the operator of diverging parameters, thus enhancing the quality control. Faster and lower costs. Axelent Wire Tray AB develops, manufactures and sells a cable management system based on wire trays with mountings, fittings and accessories under the trademark X-Tray®.



Their concept is based on production capacity, know-how and logistics.

"When we started this project, we looked at how we might be able to include the entire manufacturing process in a single flow. The combination of our experience in welding and Hestra Automation's expertise in automation and machine construction

led to us opting for this partnership. Thanks to this installation, we will be able to minimise both handling time and material costs while at the same time ensuring high product quality", says Mats Hilding, CEO of Axelent.

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Major order from Sweden

Since many years Harms & Wende cooperates with Svenska Bult & Motståndssvets (Göteborg). Recently we got the order for the complete resistance welding equipment of a machine. Grace to the wide product

range of Harms & Wende we were able to suggest different technical solutions where one will be realized now. We follow our slogan — always the right solution. The order has a total value in the range of six digits and

strengthens the position of our partner and HWH in Sweden.

Intensive and creative discussions get us approach the matching solution quickly. The planned finalization of the machine shall be in winter 2011.

Afterwards the machine is transferred to the production location.

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Huys Industries opens new location in the US

Our Canadian partner Huys Industries gladly announces the establishment of their US operations. This will bring Huys closer to the US market by producing directly as well as keeping spare stock in the US.

The details are as follows:

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French – German partnership

French – German partnership are not only words, it's a living subject. For many years the relation between Technax Industrie and Harms & Wende became a strong link between Lyon and Hamburg. Please find below an example of the work of Technax.



Technax Industrie -Coppar welding on highest level

The company Technax Industrie, based in Genas nearby Lyon (France), specialises in the conception and manufacturing of resistance welding and brazing machines, especially for the assembling of copper parts.

It has been working for more than 20 years together with the company



Harms & Wende in Hamburg which supplies Technax their welding power sources. Technax builds in its machines a wide range of H&W products (AC and DC systems). For about two years now and the generation of the SINIUS power sources, Technax has been offering an unique HMI (Human Machine Interface) where all the welding and control parameters are included. It has been a great step forward as all the information could be displayed on one screen (picture 2).

Picture 1 shows an example of a resistance welding station for the electrotechnical industry, with manual loading and unloading of the parts. The task is to weld a small silver plate onto a copper contact. To achieve the job, a Medium Frequency SINIUS Inverter



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type HWI436 W (picture 3) together

with three HWT 2625 transformers

have been used.

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China

Friction Spot Welding (RPS 100) hits Chinese market

As result of the trade fair Welding & Cutting (Beijing / Shanghai) our Chinese partner has received a key order from a customer. The machine has a special design and is currently in shipment to the customer. Outstanding welding results and flexibility triggered the customer to go for our new technology. As result of this success SNG has now a demo friction weld

gun in their Beijing facilities available. The RPS 100 system is designed to make welds in aluminum with great consistent quality. Aluminum welding is a task to weld in day life and with

the new RPS 100 technology a big step forward has been taken.



Welding & Cutting 2011

This fair became over the years a tradition to exhibit in co-operation with our partner SNG to offer our customers a platform to meet and to find news as well as to show new customers our portfolio. For many it is very important that our link is established since 6 years which shows continuity as well as a strong partnership between our companies. The fair was a success for us since we have seen a mix of existing and potential new customers in Shanghai. We will certainly return next year to Beijing.

EVENTS 2011/12

2011

- HWH partner meeting **Sept. 5th and 6th, 2011** in Hamburg (Germany)
- DVS Expo Sept. 27th to 29th, 2011 in Hamburg (Germany)
- Blech Nordic, October 4th to 7th, 2011 in Stockholm (Sweden)
- Productronica **November 15th to 18th, 2011** in Munich (Germany)

2012

- Welding & Cutting June 4th to 7th, 2012 in Beijing (PRC)
- Euroblech October 23th to 27th, 2012 in Hanover (Germany)

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