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## **Hydromat Inc. Introduces Updated Witzig & Frank LSA 8-200 Rotary Trunnion Machine at IMTS 2016, Booth #S-8348**

**ST. LOUIS, MO** – At IMTS 2016 Hydromat Inc. will present an updated version of the LSA 8-200, a multi-way production cell with horizontal indexing axis for 3-sided machining in one clamping. The LSA machine concept arises from the clamping position of the workpiece, the required machine flexibility, accessibility and setup and the number of radial units which are adjustable and pivotable, they adapt to changing workpiece shapes. The LSA 8-200 is trunnion rotary design and has eight machining positions. It is offered as a turnkey system that comprises various machining technologies, clamping and fixturing variants, automation and workpiece handling as well as control and drive options.

In 2014 FFG Werke GmbH's Witzig & Frank brand renewed its traditional partnership with St. Louis-based manufacturer Hydromat Inc., combining their matching portfolios of high volume metal cutting solutions. This partnership covers a vast range of different sizes applications, leveraging mutual strengths and offers multiple machining options. Applications include; automotive powertrain components, communications, medical, aerospace, plumbing, industrial equipment, and general machining industries.

Following FFG's global market approach, Witzig & Frank is now leveraging its long history in the American market. The natural choice for a partner in the US was the St. Louis, Missouri manufacturer of rotary transfer machines and multi-spindle machines Hydromat Inc. Apart from the matching portfolios, the companies have

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had close ties for more than 25 years when Hydromat President and CEO Bruno Schmitter co-founded a joint venture with Witzig & Frank. Hydromat's Chief Sales Officer Matthias Walter started his career at Witzig & Frank – where his father had been managing director for many years – and later took over Witzig & Frank's US entity Turmatic Systems.

Witzig & Frank, a manufacturer of highly integrated machining solutions for high volume applications based in Offenburg, Germany, is looking back at a long and successful history of machine tool engineering. Just before its 150th anniversary due next year, the machine tool builder has gone through a successful period. Under new ownership of FFG Europe, production at the Offenburg plant was re-launched in December 2013 and sales targets for 2014 have already been exceeded. Several metal forming and metal cutting machining systems for German customers are currently on the shop floor.

A wide variety of rotary transfer machines offered by Hydromat give the manufacturing professional the right tool for the right job. The Hydromat machine is the solution for the elimination of secondary operations by producing parts complete from barstock, castings, forgings or cold formed blanks. The Hydromat machining platform eliminates secondary operations and reduces work in progress. Additional cost reduction occurs due to extremely short remnants and thin cutoff for significant material saving. Also increased productivity is partially due to modular toolspindle system with quick-change presettable tool heads for easy changeover.

Typical components ideally suited for machining on Hydromats include automotive ABS and brake systems, fuel, electrical, engine and steering components, plumbing and HVAC valve castings, faucet bodies and gas valves and connectors, hardware power tool and appliance housings, electrical wire connectors and switch bodies, defense and aerospace fuse bodies and instrument housings.

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Hydromat, Inc., is the industry leader in the manufacture and assembly of precision transfer machines — Rotary, Inline, and Trunnion models, the revolutionary ICON 6-250 Productivity Center and ICON 6-150 & 8-150 Mill/Turn Centers — and has a reputation built on a commitment to product quality, customer service, and technological innovation.

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*Caption:* At IMTS 2016 Hydromat Inc. will present an updated version of the LSA 8-250, a multi-way production cell with horizontal indexing axis for 3-sided machining in one clamping.

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