

## **SOUTHCO ACQUIRES CEMA TECHNOLOGIES**

### **Adds New Line of Motion Control/Positioning Hardware Mechanisms and Technology**

Southco, Inc., a global leader in engineered access solutions, has expanded its broad range of access hardware resources by acquiring CEMA Technologies, Inc., a world leader in positioning control technology. The addition of CEMA's positioning technology solutions—friction hinges, mobile phone mechanisms, bistable devices, dampeners and custom-engineered modules—complement the extensive variety of engineered access hardware offered by Southco.



CEMA Technologies has production facilities in Audubon, PA and Taipei, Taiwan and adds a new dimension of consumer-based applications where smooth positioning control is valued. These applications include flip-open cell phones, laptop screens, video displays and numerous controlled motion devices used in automotive entertainment systems, medical and electronic equipment and other commercial and consumer applications.

"Southco and CEMA Technologies are an excellent strategic fit for our combined global customers," said Brian McNeill, president and CEO of Southco, Inc. "We see immediate opportunities to leverage CEMA's leading technologies and application know-how with Southco's strong operations and global

market presence, accelerating new product innovations and delivering great value from one global source," McNeill said.

McNeill said the niche design and manufacturing capabilities of CEMA Technologies will strengthen Southco's position globally, and will provide new opportunities to add value to Southco's existing extensive customer base in a wide variety of industries and applications.

McNeill said the acquisition will fast-track CEMA's expansion plans in the Asia Pacific region because of Southco's already established presence there with two 60,000 square-foot facilities in southern China and new state-of-the-art injection moulding and assembly facility slated to open in Shanghai later this year.

Southco is a leading and trusted global source for engineered access hardware solutions, including a variety of latches, locks, captive fasteners, quick access fasteners, hinges, handles, inserts, electronic access solutions, and other accessories for applications in the marine, networking, telecommunications, computer, automotive, aerospace, mass transit, off-highway/construction, RV/caravan, industrial machinery and HVAC industries.

Southco is strongly focused on delivering customised engineering solutions and global support for its customers. The company aspires to be a virtual engineering centre for its customers' engineered-access solutions and is committed to providing outstanding quality and overall satisfaction. Southco's promise to its customers is to connect, create and innovate to provide the best solution for every access engineering problem.

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