



October 28th, 2009

To: Wapakoneta Machine Company's Valued Customers

ASKO, Inc. is pleased to announce that on October 28th, 2009, through its newly formed subsidiary, WMC Acquisition Company, LLC; it acquired substantially all of the assets of The Wapakoneta Machine Company including inventory, machinery and equipment, and intellectual property. ASKO's CEO, Bill Rackoff remarked that, "The acquisition of Wapakoneta assets further strengthens ASKO's extensive product and service capabilities. ASKO's entire team looks forward to servicing Wapakoneta's customers' tooling requirements. ASKO's acquisition affords Wapakoneta customers the continuous availability of tooling grades and outstanding performance they have long relied upon."

Dan Fischer, Wapakoneta's President said, "Wapakoneta is pleased that with ASKO's purchase of the assets, the customers of Wapakoneta may look forward to the continuous and reliable supply of the grades and quality products that Wapakoneta has perfected over the years. The employees and shareholders of Wapakoneta are working together closely with ASKO to assure a seamless transition for Wapakoneta's former customers."

ASKO looks forward to serving your needs and is committed to furnishing you the same product performance and quality that you enjoyed over the years from Wapak.

For future requirements for Wapakoneta products and services, please delete the record of Wapakoneta Machine Company from your vendor files and replace it with ASKO, Inc. and forward your inquiries to ASKO's headquarters office in Homestead, Pennsylvania by email or fax.

Inquiries may be directed to inquiries@askoinc.com or fax (412) 461-5400.

Founded in 1933, ASKO is a leading world-wide manufacturer of shear knives and wear parts. Additional information on ASKO may be found on ASKO's website at www.askoinc.com

ASKO looks forward to working with you to maintain the product performance and service you relied upon from Wapakoneta and to improving your productivity.