



AETNA UK has been acquired by AETNAGROUP (one of the world's largest manufacturers in shrink wrapping and pallet stretch wrapping equipment) and announced plans for growth under their new ownership.

The business strategy of the newly named AETNAGROUP UK, looks to continue their reputation as a company dedicated to customer partnerships and will focus on engineering and development to achieve this. Four new engineers join the now fourteen-strong service department who are located throughout the UK to service machines.

The company plans to increase its penetration into sectors using newly designed high speed stretch wrapping solutions from ROBOPAC Sistemi and modular collation and shrink wrapping systems from DIMAC. Plus continual heavy investment in R&D to build modular capabilities into their systems, aims to offer customers variation and scope, enabling machines to grow in line with the customer's changing needs. [www.aetna.co.uk](http://www.aetna.co.uk)

Email Editor [kirsty.sharpe@ppma.co.uk](mailto:kirsty.sharpe@ppma.co.uk) with your plans for growth and expansion

## PPMA sponsors National Centre for Food Manufacturing



National Centre for Food Manufacturing - Holbeach Campus, Lincoln University

The PPMA has been asked by Lincoln University to be the 'nominated sponsoring industry trade association' for a large new facility that they have built called the National Centre for Food Manufacturing. The centre is essentially a large new facility for the promotion of processing and packaging technology in the food industry. The opening ceremony will be on the 6 November and will be visited by a member of the Royal family as part of the ceremony. PPMA will of-course, be present. The centre contains amongst other training and test bed facilities, a full food processing line sponsored by PPMA member companies who have both loaned equipment and use it as a test bed.

See issue 10 for the launch of this facility.

## Membership Notice Board

### Partnerships

**Citation** has partnered with PPMA to supply H&S for commercial premises and employment law support for members at preferential rates [www.citation.co.uk](http://www.citation.co.uk)

**Sutton Winson** Insurance Brokers Ltd has partnered with PPMA to provide cost effective insurance cover [www.suttonwinson.com](http://www.suttonwinson.com)

**Eclipse Training**, specialises in sales and influencing skills to improve members' bottom line through increased sales. Contact [chris.buxton@ppma.co.uk](mailto:chris.buxton@ppma.co.uk)

**Colourworks** aims to maximise team performance with their high impact learning programmes. For attractive rates contact [www.thecolourworks.com](http://www.thecolourworks.com)

The PPMA is currently working with **Braithwaites** in developing a service to facilitate and aid member claims for **R&D Tax Credits**. Contact [chris.buxton@ppma.co.uk](mailto:chris.buxton@ppma.co.uk)

**Inenco** - see article on page 17

### Diary Dates 2008

**Golf Day** 17 September, The Warwickshire Golf & Country Club  
**PPMA Board Meeting** 18 September, Lygon Arms, Worcs  
**PPMA Board Meeting & AGM** 27 November, Fawsley Hall, Daventry

**PPMA Show '08** 30 Sept - 2 Oct

**PPMA 21st Celebration (members welcome)**

1 October, Concourse Suite NEC - tickets: 020 8773 8111

**Pack Expo Chicago** - 9-13 November, Chicago, USA

**ISPE Annual Conference, Exhibition and Awards**

**Dinner** - 13 November, Harrogate

**Free Presidents Lunches (members welcome):-**

• 5 December, House of Commons, London - *Lean engineering and 'green issues' will be discussed - book now!*

See p.19 for Overseas Shows

Visit [www.ppma.co.uk](http://www.ppma.co.uk) for other events

### Happy 50th Chris!



He may be 50 (nearly!), but there's not a grey hair in sight - lucky for him, most of us aren't tall enough to check! Have a great birthday Chris, from everyone who works with you!

### Seminars

**New Machinery Directive** - 11 September, Northampton

**Risk Assessment** - 20 November, Northampton

For more details and to book: [www.ppma.co.uk](http://www.ppma.co.uk)

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### Passport Training & Renewal

**2008 Two day courses in Manchester:-**

13&14 October; 10&11 November; 8&9 December

**2008 Renewal courses in Manchester:-**

6 October; 3 November; 1 December

GSS Training Ltd can also travel to a client's site if they have 8 or more delegates. To book contact Clare Earp or Kerry Jones 0161 926 9510 [enquiries@gsstraining.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@gsstraining.co.uk)

Welcome!



**Christine Jordan** has joined the PPMA as PA and projects co-ordinator to the Executive. Christine has several years experience in events management and marketing and worked for companies including British Alcan, BMW and Audi.

New Members

For a new membership pack and to join the PPMA contact [david.harrison@ppma.co.uk](mailto:david.harrison@ppma.co.uk)

**New full members:**

Amber Industries, Coldstream Engineering, Graham Labelling, Planet Flowline, PDM UK Ltd, Strapex, Hansel UK Ltd, Systech Instruments