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**AGMA AND ABMA MERGE TO FORM MOTION AND POWER MANUFACTURERS ALLIANCE**

*New Organization Begins May 1, 2025*

**May 1, 2025 - Alexandria, VA** - On April 24, at the AGMA/ABMA Annual Meeting in Austin, TX, the membership of the two associations voted to approve a merger between the American Gear Manufacturers Association (AGMA) and the American Bearing Manufacturers Association (ABMA), creating the Motion and Power Manufacturers Alliance (MPMA). The new organizational structure will commence today, May 1, 2025.

AGMA and ABMA will continue to keep their names in the marketplace as the 108-year-old AGMA brand and the 107-year-old ABMA brand have a significant history and value to their respective memberships.

The new MPMA entity will deliver increased value through standards creation under the AGMA and ABMA brands, more robust education and workforce development programs, a strong connection of the supply chain via face-to-face events, two industry publications, and advocacy at the Federal government.

“The creation of the MPMA comes at a crucial time in our industry, where we are seeing a growth in gearing and bearing sales, and a consolidation of the companies that create these mechanical power solutions,” notes Sara Zimmerman, incoming Chair and Vice President of Customer Experience and Product, Sumitomo Machinery Corporation of America. “I look forward to working closely with Vice Chair Matt Frady from Dodge Industrial, and the entire Board of Directors as we forge a new path for this dynamic industry.”

The AGMA and ABMA have worked closely together on joint programming for the past 18 years, including AGMA managing ABMA since 2019. The Motion and Power Manufacturers Alliance brings together leading power transmission companies to add value to our ever-evolving community. This constitutes a dynamic evolution for two of the best-in-class associations working together for the greater good of its members and the industry at large.

Combined, the MPMA will consist of more than 425 member companies representing the full spectrum of private and public companies, global and domestic business, open gear and enclosed gearbox manufacturers and the full range of bearing solutions.

The merger represents a culmination of ABMA’s and AGMA’s long history of working together, including 18 years of joint Annual Meetings and nine years of AGMA’s Power Transmission Alliance. For the past five years, AGMA has managed ABMA operations.

“I am particularly excited about the potential this unified organization holds. I look forward to working collaboratively with both AGMA and ABMA members to ensure the MPMA not only thrives but also empowers our entire membership in the years to come,” said Zimmerman.

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