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FIVE AXIS MACHINING KNOW-HOW

Elliott Matsuura teams up with CAMplete Solutions for first five axis machining seminar

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Elliott Matsuura Canada Inc., Oakville, ON, teamed up with CAMplete Solutions, a five axis CAM software developer in Waterloo, ON, on April 7 to bring together experts in five axis machining for a comprehensive seminar for regional customers.

The event was held at CAMplete's facility, which houses Matsuura and Mikron five axis machines as well as Zeiss measurement equipment.

Frank Bolieiro, vp, sales and marketing, Elliott Matsuura Canada, says that "it made sense to use CAMplete's facility because the company uses Matsuura and Mikron machines in its shop to develop five axis machining software. Other partners joined us, including Emuge, m&h Probing and Schunk."

The seminar was offered in the morning and the afternoon for separate customers. In all, close to 40 people attended either the morning or afternoon event.

The seminar included a five axis machining presentation by Vince D'Alessio, executive vice president of Elliott Matsuura Canada, a talk on tooling for five axis machining by Frank Joswig, district manager for Canada for Emuge, Michael Blackburn, co-owner of CAMplete, discussed the company's five axis machining software solutions and Jean Zangao, regional sales manager for the Americas, m&h Probing, discussed part measuring in five axis machining.

For Ivan Tomis and Aleksandar Grasilovic, programmers with Pilitor, a job shop specializing in the aerospace market, the seminar was an opportunity to brush up on their five axis skills as the company plans to invest in more five axis machines.

"We are a fast-growing company. We already have two five axis Mikrons and these machines work really well. We have other CNC machines, but we want to purchase more five axis machines so we can be more competitive," says Tomis.

Brad Banville, a programmer with ETM Industries who has just moved in a machine operator job at the company, the five axis seminar was a chance to learn about the technology.

"We're looking to move up to five axis machining and we're in the process of learning more about it right now to see how it could fit in with what we do."

The event is the first of its kind for Elliott Matsuura, says Bolieiro. "What we're finding over and above the open houses and trade shows that we do, customers want to be involved in attending more specific oriented seminars, technology seminars like this five axis one. We're also looking at specific industries, aerospace or medical and we're going to be doing an industry-specific technical seminar in the near future."