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## **SKF and Meggitt join forces to Maximise Machinery Monitoring Systems**

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SKF Service Division and Meggitt PLC today announced a strategic alliance that will unite DYMAC of SKF and Meggitt's Vibro-Meter Industrial & Marine Division.

The new alliance combines the offerings of the two groups into one comprehensive range of machinery management solutions and services applicable for all industries employing critical machinery. The companies, experienced in both OEM and end-user business, will share development expertise, as well as customer service and support activities as they jointly focus on creating a new resource in the marketplace with a complete range of products and services.

"Vibro-Meter has built a solid reputation over 35 years in protection, condition and performance monitoring solutions for turbomachinery, with expertise in special sensors for harsh environments such as found in gas and steam turbine applications" commented Phil Knights, President, SKF Service Division. "DYMAC is well known for its eddy-current probes and protection systems since the 1970's, employed in the petro-chemical, paper, steel, oil and gas industries. The alliance offers both new and existing customers the advantage of flexibility and scalability available from the combined product offering."

"The strength in combined technology competencies, as well as experience working with both OEMs and end-users, will offer customers a unique, high quality product and service solution," said Dr. Richard Greaves, President, Vibro-Meter SA. "Customers will find that the DYMAC and Vibro-Meter team will be easily differentiated from competitors because it provides a responsive and flexible approach to meeting their monitoring and protection needs, together with the best possible customer support."

Vibro-Meter will build upon its relationships with major machinery manufacturers and packagers by concentrating on OEM accounts. DYMAC, known for tailored solutions to end-users in many industries and for comprehensive local support, will concentrate on end-user applications.

Sales of the DYMAC and Vibro-Meter solutions will be handled through each company's sales channels. The alliance will continue to provide sales and service support for existing products.

DYMAC and Vibro-Meter can be seen together for the first time at the Power-Gen Europe event in Brussels, 29 - 31 May 2001.

DYMAC is a unit of SKF Condition Monitoring and a part of the Service Division of the worldwide AB SKF Group. The SKF Service Division offers a full range of bearings, products and services to extend machine service life, reduce overall maintenance costs and improve plant efficiency.

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