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gases production and cylinder transfill facility on a 35 acre lot in Angleton, TX. The new \$4 million facility will generate 11 new jobs at start-up, and will eventually employ 20 when fully operational.

Scott Hicks, BOC's manager of special products, said, "We selected the Angleton site because of its proximity to customers and easy access to major highways. When it is complete, the plant will play a critical role in the BOC supply chain for the Houston area. This facility will help us achieve our objective of meeting the increasing demand from Gulf Coast process chemical manufacturers for specialty gas mixtures and pure gases such as oxygen, nitrogen, argon, and helium."

The Angleton plant will become the latest addition to BOC's North American network of more than 115 compressed gas filling facilities.

Notes from the Supplier Side

•**BOC Gases**, Murray Hill, NJ, was recently awarded Calsonic North America's Supplier Excellence Award for consistently providing quality components and services during calendar year 2000. Calsonic, Shelbyville, TN, is a manufacturer of mufflers, converters, pre-converters, and exhaust systems. "Calsonic started rating us in 1999, and this is the first time we received the award," said Rick Tidwell, a BOC sales representative. "Winning it so soon is especially gratifying to us. We look forward to continuing to provide Calsonic with high quality welding products and services for a long time to come." Recently, BOC also received certification from Ford Motor Company as a Q1 supplier for the third consecutive year.

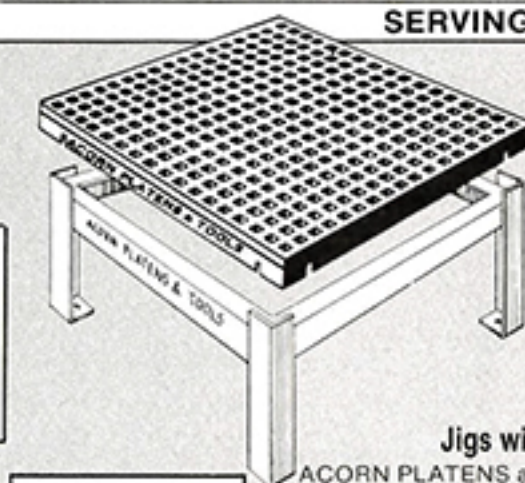
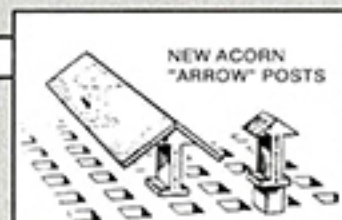
•**Arc-Zone.com**, San Diego, CA, a specialist in MIG, TIG, and plasma process accessories, has moved its corporate headquarters to an expanded facility at 2091 Las Palmas Drive, Suite C, Carlsbad, CA, announced Jim Watson, president.



Arc-Zone.com president Jim Watson outside new company headquarters.

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"In addition to providing a more creative, contemporary working environment, the new offices will allow for faster order processing, increased inventory levels and improved overall customer service," said Watson. The new facility includes a showroom, dedicated testing facility, administrative offices, and warehouse space that quadruples that of their previous location.

• In keeping with its initiative to divest itself of its retail properties, **Air Liquide America**, Houston, TX, has sold its Santa Maria, CA, retail store to Central Coast Gases, an independent supplier of welding gases and hardgoods. The divestiture is part of an effort to improve profitability and realign the company's industrial customers business.

• **The Lincoln Electric Automation Division**, Cleveland, OH, a manufacturer of automated welding systems, recently received ISO 9001 Quality System certification. "As our automation

division continues to grow, our customers are constantly assured of our commitment to quality," said Chris Bailey, Lincoln's new Automation Division General Manager. "Because of the high productivity

and decreasing costs of these systems, robotic welding has become an attractive option to many individuals. Therefore, we expect the number of systems we install over the years to increase continuously," Bailey added.

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