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## Bison Gear Acquires Von Weise of Canada Brushless DC Motor Business

High efficiency mobile HVAC electric motors to be produced in Chicago area facility and synergistically combined into industrial and commercial gearmotor products.



St. Charles, IL - May 3, 2010 - Electric motor and fractional horsepower gearmotor manufacturer, [Bison Gear & Engineering Corp.](http://www.bisongear.com) has acquired the brushless DC (BLDC) electric motor business of Von Weise of Canada Company. The product line includes low voltage (12-24 volt) BLDC motors ranging from 80 to 225 watts (0.1 to 0.3 hp) with integral multifunction speed controls. "With increased requirements for greater energy efficiency, compact size and overall value, we see brushless motor applications and the market growing significantly for our customers and Bison," said Martin Swarbrick, Bison Gear CEO. "This is a perfect complement to our own new AUTONOmotor™ sensorless brushless product line and it aligns with our growth strategy, balancing internal product development with product and technology acquisition."

Originally developed for and successfully introduced to the mobile HVAC market, the maintenance-free motors will also be incorporated into Bison's growing

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garmotor product line for industrial and commercial applications. "We have relocated the production of these new motors to our St. Charles, Illinois facility where we anticipate the synergy with our garmotor products will lead to increased employment opportunities," said Bison Gear chairman, Ron Bullock. "This expansion of our brushless dc motor manufacturing is another significant new development for Bison in our 50th Anniversary year."

"We look forward to continuing to serve the mobile HVAC market for these products, in addition to the industrial pumps and compressors, valve actuators, medical device and business equipment markets for which they have been designed," said John Morehead, Bison's vice president, strategic planning and marketing. "In line with our vision to be recognized by our customers as the best provider of motion control and power transmission solutions throughout the world, we will continue to explore other similar and complementary product line, business and technology acquisition and strategic alliance opportunities."

### **About Bison Gear & Engineering Corp.**

Celebrating its 50th Anniversary, Bison Gear & Engineering Corp. designs and manufactures fractional horsepower electric motors, garmotors and gear reducers used in industrial and commercial OEM applications worldwide. Bison's strong engineering tradition, based on Robusticity™ principles, offers products with up to twice as much torque in the same package size as competitors. Bison's St. Charles, Illinois integrated production facility manufactures garmotors and reducers in parallel shaft and right angle configurations, as well as AC and DC electric motors, for applications where dependability and long lifetimes are important.

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