



BDI Acquires Gopher Bearing Company's St. Paul and Winona, Minnesota locations!

BDI (Bearing Distributors, Inc.), headquartered in Cleveland, Ohio, announces the acquisition of Gopher Bearing Company's St. Paul and Winona, Minnesota locations, effective January 1, 2011. Gopher Bearing Company has served businesses in the Twin Cities area since 1946.

St. Paul-based Gopher Bearing, a division of BDI, will provide enhanced support and solutions to customers in the Twin Cities. The Gopher Bearing Winona operation will merge with BDI LaCrosse, WI. Additionally, BDI will strengthen customer service with the anticipated first quarter 2011 launch of its new and improved on-line ordering site, www.bdiexpress.com.

Joe Racine and the Gopher Bearing team are a welcomed addition to the BDI Family. Their experience and technical knowledge will ensure delivery of uninterrupted service to current customers. Joe's familiarity with the local market combined with BDI's global footprint, Supplier/Partner relationships and resources will deliver world-class service to both new and existing customers.

"The addition of Gopher Bearing Company to the BDI Family creates an experienced team of professionals that will expand our customer base and ability to deliver solutions to customers in Minnesota," according to John Ruth, President, BDI-USA.

BDI is a leading industrial distributor to manufacturing companies throughout the world, with locations in the U.S., Canada, Mexico, Europe and Asia.

Gopher Bearing Company, a division of BDI, is located at 2490 Territorial Rd., St. Paul, MN 55114; (tel) 651/645-5871 or (fax) 651/645-8572. For more information about BDI, please visit www.bdiworldwide.com; or contact Bill Shepard, Director of Sales & Marketing, at bshepard@bdi-usa.com.