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ProBuild Holdings, Denver, CO, supplier of building materials to professional contractors, has purchased Fort Lauderdale, FL.-based **Rosen Building Supplies**, supplier of drywall and related products to commercial and residential building markets. Pro-Build Holdings has also acquired **Lumber Inc.**, Albuquerque, NM, distributor of lumber, flooring and roof trusses.

Freudenberg has agreed to sell its European and U.S. brake hose business, **Flexitech**, to **Mitsubishi Corp.** and **Meiji Flow Systems**. Flexitech had sales in Europe and the U.S. of €80 million in 2006.

SKF will build a factory near Moscow in Russia for taper bearing units to supply the fast-growing Russian railway market. The factory will also have a channel dedicated to the reconditioning of bearings. In an effort to reduce costs, SKF will close its manufacturing facility in Glasgow, KY, and reduce the number of employees at the Fontenay-le-Comte facility in France. The company is moving its Kentucky production to Mexico.

Industrial Controls Distributors LLC, Wana-massa, NJ, distributor of HVAC controls, process instrumentation and industrial automated valves, has merged with **Piedmont Instruments and Controls**, Charlotte, NC. Piedmont will integrate with Industrial Controls' Charlotte op-

eration to cover North Carolina, South Carolina and Virginia.

Descartes Systems Group, Waterloo, Ontario, a global on-demand software-as-a-service (SaaS) logistics solutions provider, has acquired Burnsville, MN-based **RouteView Technologies, Inc.**, for \$3 million. RouteView provides map-based routing software solutions with wireless/GPS and automated call-out technology to small- and medium-sized organizations.

To broaden the company's position in the voice, data and video channel, **Textron Inc.'s Greenlee** business unit has acquired **Paladin Tools**, Oilville, VA, a provider of tools and accessories for the telecom, datacom and wiring industries.

Air Liquide is planning to expand and modernize its production capabilities in Europe to the tune of €2 billion a year through 2011. The industrial gases company will build three new air separation units (ASU) in response to needs of **ArcelorMittal** and two industrial areas in France.

Actuant Corp., Milwaukee, WI, reported sales of \$415 million in the first quarter 2007, a 21 percent increase from the prior year. The manufacturer had 3 percent organic growth.

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Calculation of MDM Inflation Index for November 2007

	BLS Price Indices Nov. '07	BLS Price Indices Oct. '07	BLS Price Indices Nov. '06	% Sales Weight	Weighted Indices Nov. '07 (1)X(4)	% Change Nov. '07 Oct. '07	% Change Nov. '07 Nov. '06
1136 Abr. Prod.	465.5	465.2	450.9	19.1	88.91	0.06	3.23
1135 Cutting Tools	437.6	436.3	431.9	18.9	82.71	0.31	1.32
1145 Power Trans.	650.1	645.4	625.4	15.4	100.12	0.73	3.95
1081 Fasteners	465.3	455.1	435.6	9.0	41.88	2.26	6.82
1149.01 Valves, etc.	786.8	786.3	758.0	7.6	59.79	0.06	3.80
1132 Power Tools	331.0	331.0	325.9	6.5	21.51	0.00	1.56
1144 Mat. Handling	468.5	468.8	455.8	6.2	29.04	-0.06	2.77
0713.03 Belting	548.5	548.5	537.2	6.1	33.46	0.00	2.10
1042 Hand Tools	682.1	681.7	669.1	8.1	55.25	0.05	1.93
108 Misc. Metal	424.9	419.8	410.8	3.1	13.17	1.21	3.44
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"New" November Index	274.7	November Inflation Index			525.84	0.41	3.10
"New" October Index	273.6	October Inflation Index			523.68		
		November 2007 Inflation Index			510.04		

New index reflects 1977=100 base. Other numbers = 1967 base. To convert multiply by .52247