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New machine and name changes: Tornos reinforces its position as leader for small diameter machining

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At EMO 2007, Tornos will be unveiling the Micro 7 (together with other innovations) and is changing the name of the DECO Sigma 8 to Micro 8. The aim of this operation is to clarify the position of Tornos in the market. The new Micro range will be directed primarily at the market historically occupied by Tornos. The ambition behind these two machines is that they will take the place of cam-type turning machines.

For more than 50 years, Tornos has been producing machines intended for the production of workpieces of average geometric complexity, where flexibility has unfortunately been handicapped by cam-type technology. Since 1996, Tornos has been offering an interesting alternative in the form of its DECO machines. However, these multi-axis machines, intended for "workpieces with highly complex geometry" never really responded to the expectation that they might one day "replace cam-type machines". Now, with Micro 7 and Micro 8 the manufacturer is offering an entirely new alternative, that has already started to replace cam-type machines (with the Micro 8 (formerly the Sigma 8)).

Tornos is reaffirming its leadership position in the machining of small-diameter workpieces with a very high value-added component. With three complementary machines covering a range of diameters up to 10 mm, customers are now genuinely in a position to choose the produce best suited to their needs.

- Micro 7 – long workpieces with geometries of average complexity
- Micro 8 – short workpieces
- DECO 7/10a – workpieces with highly complex geometries

The single-spindle Tornos range comprises the following units: DECO machines for workpieces with highly complex geometries, up to 26mm in diameter. Sigma for workpieces with average geometric complexity and larger diameters of up to 32mm. Micro for small, high-precision workpieces with average to high geometric complexity.

The sales staff and technical specialists at Tornos look forward to welcoming large numbers of visitors to the Tornos stand at the EMO trade fair in Hanover. Visitors will be able to discover all the product ranges of this manufacturer, and will also be able to experience in the birth of the Micro 7 in virtual reality.

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