

Brett Hopkins is Manager of Delcam's Professional Services Group in North America, a group focused on process development for the most demanding manufacturing processes.

Brett Holds a Manufacturing Engineering degree and has a wealth of experience in advanced manufacturing environments. He has been involved with process development ranging from turbine engine airfoil repair to advanced machining operations to adaptive machining applications. He has focused his career on roles that require development of new manufacturing processes, applying those processes, and transferring the knowledge into the manufacturing environment.

### ***NEWS ABOUT THE SPEAKER***

Delcam, the world's leading specialist supplier of CAM software, has increased the support it can provide to North American machine tool suppliers with the appointment of Brett Hopkins as Machining Technology Specialist for North America. Brett will also work with Delcam's North American sales team on improving general market awareness of the company and its PowerMILL CAM software in the USA and Canada.

Brett's main objective will be to work closely with machine tool suppliers to develop a range of demonstrations that highlight the strengths of both the particular piece of equipment and Delcam's software. These demonstrations will cover examples from Delcam's traditional toolmaking applications and from the company's newer target markets in the aerospace, autosport and composites industries.



*Brett Hopkins, Delcam's Machining Technology Specialist for North America*

"Our increased support for machine tool companies means that, by working together, we can give the maximum benefit to our customers," claimed Brett. "By using programs prepared with PowerMILL, machine tool companies can produce parts at faster machining speeds and with higher quality surface finish. This improved performance will help them sell more machines and will also help their customers to get better results." He will also ensure that Delcam's post-processors keep up-to-date with developments in machine tool controls and option files. The aim will be to ensure that a new post is available as soon as any new machine hits the market and so ensure that it will be productive from the moment it is installed by the customer.

Brett has spent more than six years using Delcam products on the most demanding jobs, specializing in high-performance machining applications. His most recent position was Machining Center Applications Team Leader for Makino Die/Mold Technologies. In this role, he was responsible for leading all activities of the machining center applications staff for North and South America. Brett and his staff focused on development of new machining processes to lower costs and increase productivity within the die and mold industry. The transfer of this technology through training and support of customers remains central to Brett's vision of ensuring North American manufacturers remain competitive globally. Brett holds a degree in manufacturing engineering from Kent State University where he focused on machining processes and graduated summa cum laude. His prior positions include Manager of Operations for CITE (the Center for Industrial Training and Education), where he designed and conducted training for high school, university, and adult education students as well as industrial trainers and university professors.

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