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Kevin Toor Elected EASA Chairman

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Earlier this week, the Electrical Apparatus Service Association, Inc. ("EASA") installed its new officers for 2011-12, and Kevin M. Toor of Birclar Electric & Electronics ("Birclar"), became the organization's International Chairman. Toor who has been President of Birclar for 14 years and has more than 32 years of industry experience, was pleased to accept this tremendous honor. "EASA is a great organization," stated Toor, "and I am happy to give back to an organization that has given me so much."

EASA is a trade organization of more than 1,900 electro-mechanical sales and service firms in 59 countries. Through its many engineering and educational programs, EASA provides members with a means of keeping up-to-date on materials, equipment, and technology. Prior to being elected Chairman, Toor served as President of his local EASA chapter, Regional Director, and Executive Committee Member. Toor also participates in many EASA committees such as Technical Services and Trade Relations.

As his theme for the year, Chairman Toor selected *Moving Industry Forward*. According to Toor, "As I thought about a theme, I began to look at what a vital role our association plays. We are the backbone of industry.

We are the unsung heroes who keep motors, which consume 70% of the world's electrical energy, in working order. That's not to mention pumps, generators, and everything else we repair and maintain." Toor will travel to EASA chapters around the U.S. and the world during his year as Chairman. "It will be a lot of work," explained Toor, "but I am excited to have a chance to learn so much about our industry and what makes it great."

"I think it is a great theme and EASA has made an outstanding choice for its International Chairman," stated Tim Martindale, President of Kiemle-Hankins, Birclar's parent company. "Kevin Toor is great leader, and I also know that much of what he will learn over this year will benefit our company and most significantly our customers. EASA is an important organization worldwide. We value the technical resources and training they offer to members," Martindale continued, "and we are glad that Kevin will spend some time helping EASA become even better." Martindale also noted that Kiemle-Hankins has been a member of EASA for more than 70 years.

Together Birclar and Kiemle-Hankins comprise the region's premier provider of repair and maintenance services for electrical, mechanical and electro-mechanical equipment. With five fully equipped facilities and more than 100 highly skilled associates, the company thrives on solving the toughest problems for industry throughout Michigan, Ohio and Indiana.

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