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To: All Current Northampton Machine Users

Re: Importance of proper lubricants, Spare parts, Key contacts at The MGS Group

**The MGS Group** would like to remind all owners of Northampton Machinery (NMC) bunching equipment of some very important service items. In order to keep your NMC equipment running at the optimal performance it is important to follow the guidelines outlined in your service manual. We also would like to point out a few very important items which when deviated from can cause major operational issues.

**Grease** – recently Shell Oil Company rebranded our required grease product:

**SHELL GADUS S2 V100 3 (NMC Part #94100019)** – REPLACES – SHELL ALVANIA RL3 – this is the ONLY grease for use in Northampton Machines. This grease has demonstrated far better performance than ANY “direct equivalent” alternatives. We have clear evidence of increased bearing failures when the Shell product is not in use. This has translated into excessive maintenance costs keeping our machines in operation.

**Bearings** – **SKF bearings** are the ONLY bearings for use in Northampton Machines. Failure to use **SKF** bearings has resulted in downtime and increased maintenance costs. Uptime performance of your machine is the most important consideration. If you have difficulties getting **SKF** bearings, please contact our spare parts department to assist you. Our buying power with **SKF** provides prices often lower than your discount prices through your local supply house.

**Spare parts** – **The MGS Group** recognizes the need to make available replacement parts for our installed customer base around the world with spare part inventory stocked in both our UK and USA locations. Stock inventory is challenging however we continue to explore various programs to ensure our customers have access to OEM parts. It is difficult to stock every part across all the NMC product lines however we are happy to work with all of our customers to try and insure parts are available when needed. Please contact our parts department to discuss your specific needs. Our customers are benefiting from using NMC OEM parts which are made to the correct tolerances and materials to ensure the highest performance of your NMC equipment.

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**Quick Change Slip Ring Brush and Holder Upgrades** – The MGS Group has engineered a solution to the slip ring challenge that reduces downtime, increases brush life, and reduces replacement outage time. The system design incorporates unique split cage brush holder assembly and brush holder cartridges that hold the brushes and apply uniform tension throughout their life. All components are uniform so spare parts apply for the complete range. This program has been extremely successful with those customers that have taken advantage of it. Some have gone on to implement this upgrade across all their machines. Right now we have upgrade kits available for the SLB1000/1250/1600 Machines.

The MGS Group is actively supporting Northampton Machines; we welcome the opportunity to discuss your needs with you.

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