

Dematic names new CEO

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GRAND RAPIDS -- Conveyor manufacturer Dematic Corp. gets a new leader for its North American operations on Jan. 8, when John Baysore joins the company as president and chief executive officer.

Baysore, 47, previously was president and CEO of ThyssenKrupp Fabco based in Windsor, Ontario.

That company, a supplier of automotive metal stampings and welded assemblies, is being acquired by Ontario-based Martinrea International.

Baysore led the Assembly & Test Worldwide Division of DT Industries before heading ThyssenKrupp Fabco.

He succeeds Prashant Ranade, who led Dematic's North American conveyor business for nearly four years.

Ranade resigned Nov. 1, but continues as a board member of the company. He also is an adjunct professor at Grand Valley State University.

Baysore has a bachelor's degree in welding engineering from The Ohio State University. He also has done graduate studies in electrical engineering at the University of Missouri and in business at the University of Michigan.

He and his family will relocate to West Michigan early next year.

Dematic is under new ownership this year, after its former owner Siemens AG put the conveyor division up for sale. The business is now headquartered in Offenbach, Germany, with the corporation led by Johann Loettner, president.