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## **Birclar Earns Prestigious SKF Certification**

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Birclar Electric & Electronics (Birclar), a Kiemle-Hankins company, recently attained SKF Certified Electric Motor Rebuilder status. As one of the most advanced providers of industrial repair and maintenance services in the region, Birclar now also has the distinction of being the only “SKF Certified” repair facility in Michigan. SKF is a leading global manufacturer of bearings and related components for industrial machinery. Achieving SKF Certified status is further affirmation that the methods used by Birclar exceed even the most exacting standards for repair.

Birclar associates underwent extensive training and numerous audits by SKF before the certification was awarded. Kevin Toor, President of Birclar, stated “we are committed to helping our customers achieve the greatest possible reliability, performance, and profitability from their rotating equipment. SKF Certification shows our willingness to take our capabilities to the highest level. We’re proud to have earned this important mark of distinction.” Tim Martindale, CEO of Kiemle-Hankins, added “customers demand certainty of quality. Our history of excellence gives them that certainty, and SKF Certification provides further independent proof.”

Kiemle-Hankins was founded in 1928 and is one of the region's largest providers of repair and maintenance services for specialty electrical, mechanical and electro-mechanical equipment. Birclar, part of Kiemle-Hankins for fifteen years, also focuses on the repair of such equipment which includes specialty rotating apparatus like motors, dynamometers, blowers, pumps, clutches, and generators. Combined Kiemle-Hankins operates five full service repair centers and employs more than 100 highly skilled associates. SKF, founded in 1907, developed the Certified Electric Motor Rebuilder program to recognize repair facilities that have the highest quality standards and documented procedures for failure analysis, bearing installation, lubrication systems, and condition monitoring. SKF Certification gives industrial users the assurance that they are working with a repair provider that understands the importance of detailed failure analysis and proper repair procedures.

Birclar is the second Kiemle-Hankins repair facility to achieve SKF Certification. In 2007, the Cincinnati / Dayton facility became one of the first SKF Certified facilities in the country. Kiemle-Hankins and Birclar are two of only forty SKF Certified repair facilities nationwide and the only SKF Certified facilities in Ohio or Michigan.

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