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### GAM Celebrates 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

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Mount Prospect, IL – May 13, 2015 - GAM, a manufacturer of high precision gear reducers, servo couplings, and linear mounting kits, celebrates its 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

GAM Enterprises began in 1990 when Gary Michalek saw an opportunity to start a long-term relationship with Jakob Antriebstechnik, a German based company who introduced the first servo bellows coupling into the machine tool market. GAM started off purely as a distributor but soon realized to be successful and to give better service, they needed to add manufacturing. After implementing this strategy, GAM quickly became known as the company to call when you needed a custom bored coupling shipped same day. In 1998, GAM Gear was formed with Craig Van den Avont, to start GAM's high precision gearbox company to complement the coupling product line. The gearbox product line and overall company has grown under their leadership. For 17 years, GAM shared a space with Quality Control Corporation (Harwood Heights, IL), until 2007 when GAM moved to Mount Prospect, a suburb just outside of Chicago. With a new building and room to grow, GAM built on momentum from customer demand by expanding the product line, bringing assembly and manufacturing in house which in turn brought new engineering and production jobs to the local community.

*"We started off with just one product and built the company one customer at a time", said Gary Michalek, Founder and CEO of GAM, "It is amazing to think about just how far we've come, but I'm excited to see where the company goes in the next twenty five years".*

In addition to leading the organization, both Craig and Gary understand the importance of giving back and are actively involved in the community. Craig has developed close relationships with schools in local district 214, mentoring students interested in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math), hosting field trips and career days at GAM so students can get a firsthand view of the opportunities that exist in engineering and manufacturing.

*"Building a great company and culture is extremely important to me", said Craig Van den Avont, President of GAM, "However, I am also very passionate about helping students get excited about engineering and manufacturing".*

Throughout its 25 year history, being flexible, providing great service, and offering a wide range of products designed to solve customers' problems have been the focus of GAM's mission. GAM has been able to average 15% growth over the last 15 years which is a testament to great leadership, strategic planning, and a company-wide commitment to doing whatever it takes to satisfy the customer. In order to retain what made them successful in the past, GAM developed core values to align employees with GAM's overall strategy. Every month, the employee who best displays GAM's Core Values (**Teamwork, Action Oriented, Long-term Relationships, Professionalism, and Fun**) is honored with the GAMMY award, which is determined by the previous month's winner. The GAMMY award is a visual representation of the core values, helping to ensure the culture at GAM remains the same even as the company grows into the future.

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## **About GAM**

GAM is your complete source for Gear Reducers, Servo Couplings, Linear Mounting Kits, and other innovative products used in automation technology. With one of the largest product offerings in the motion control industry as well as the engineering expertise and capabilities to develop customized solutions, GAM can help with your application. Being flexible to meet the needs of customer requests and great service are what set them apart from the rest. For more information visit:

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