

## Celebrating 175 Years of Business

2008 marks a monumental milestone for Cameron. We're celebrating 175 years in business. That's right, nearly two centuries! To put this in perspective, our roots stretch back over 25 years before Abraham Lincoln was the President of the United States.

Cameron's legacy started in 1833 when two entrepreneurs, Charles and Elias Cooper, established a foundry in Mount Vernon, Ohio, USA. Through the mid and late 1800s, the Cooper foundry was the licensed producer of the famous Corliss steam engines and, at the turn of the century, ventured into the production of natural gas internal combustion engines. Cooper-Bessemer®, one of Cameron's oldest and most recognized product brands, was the result of a merger between the Cooper foundry and the Bessemer Gas Engine Company in 1929.

In the 1940's, Cooper ramped up its production to support the war effort and produced diesel engines for military vessels of all kinds and also increased production of locomotive engines. At the peak of its wartime production, Cooper-Bessemer had 4,337 employees working in round-the-clock shifts. In 1944, Cooper was listed for the first time on the New York Stock Exchange and opened its first international offices in Venezuela and the Soviet Union. The famous GMV engine would be developed and sold before the turn of the decade.

Throughout the 20th century, several acquisitions were made by Cooper that expanded the company's reciprocating compressor scope. Cooper purchased three companies between 1960 and 1976, including the AJAX Engine Company, Pennsylvania Process Compressor and White Superior. Stemming from the success of this growth, additional acquisitions were made between 1987 to 2001 including the Enterprise Power Engine aftermarket business, Nickles Industrial Manufacturing and Turbine Specialties.

In 1955, the Joy Manufacturing Company was formed in Buffalo, NY and quickly grew into a complete manufacturing company, producing integrally geared, oil-free centrifugal air compressors. The 1970s saw Joy™ grow world wide with much focus on engineered custom compressors for refineries and air separation applications. In 1987, Cooper acquired the Joy™ product line in an effort to expand its product focus from primarily reciprocating gas compressors to include industrial centrifugal compressors.

With a product lineup inclusive of integrally geared centrifugal air and process gas compressors, reciprocating gas compressors, integral gas engine compressors, turbochargers and a host of aftermarket parts and services to support our equipment, Cameron is looking forward to the next 175 years of success.

