Rulmeca Motorized Pulleys have offered coal mine operators a safer alternative to exposed conveyor drive systems since the 1950s. Manufactured in Aschersleben, Germany these drives have been well accepted throughout the European surface and underground mining industry for decades.

Established in 2003, Rulmeca Corporation serves the U.S. and Mexican markets from its headquarters in Wilmington, NC. Growing demand for the company’s internally-powered Motorized Pulleys required the company to expand in 2005.

Now Rulmeca Corporation assembles 8.5", 12.5", and 16" diameter Motorized Pulleys at its new 5,400 sq. ft. facility in Wilmington. “We knew our customers would want units expedited from time to time,” said Jay Graham, product manager, “but we didn’t think we’d be asked to ship this many this quickly...this is a good ‘problem’ for us.”

For more than 40 years Rulmeca Motorized Pulleys have hermetically sealed belt conveyor drive motors and gearboxes within a lagged pulley shell. This concept protects internal components from harsh environments and it protects mine personnel from those moving components.

Since each pulley’s motor and gearbox are inside the pulley shell there are no external moving components. The pulley shaft does not even rotate because the shell rotates about the fixed axis.

“When we began assembling our popular smaller units last summer,” said Mike Gawinski, president, “we never thought we’d be assembling higher powered 16” diameter Motorized Pulleys in six months. Due to customer requests we are expanding our Wilmington product portfolio to include slower belt speeds and increased radial load capability.”

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