

Ransohoff Taps New President



Barney Bosse was named president of Ransohoff effective December 1, 2010. Mr. Bosse will be responsible for all operations at the Cincinnati, Ohio, location. He will report directly to Jim McEachen, CEO of Cleaning Technologies Group, LLC.

Mr. Bosse has over 20 years of experience with Ransohoff. His career with the company began in the summer of 1990 as a student employee while attending the University of Cincinnati's College of Engineering. Since then, he has successfully held a variety of positions in the company with increasing levels of responsibility, most recently vice president of engineering.

Jim McEachen said, "It is important to note that in each of Barney's endeavors he has left a positive mark on the organization. He is very well respected within the CTG organization and within our industry."

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HIT Solutions Adds Key Employee

HIT Solutions recently announced the addition of Mr. Mike Manetta as target account executive. Mr. Manetta will be working out of the company's Indianapolis corporate facility. He is an NACE-certified coatings inspector with six years of experience working in the general industrial and powder coatings industry, including metalworking and surface treatment solutions for PPG.

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EPA Continues Push to Provide Easier Public Access to Chemical Information and Enhance Chemical Safety

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency introduced a new web-based tool to allow the public to search for and have easy access to health and safety studies on industrial chemicals. As part of Administrator Lisa P. Jackson's continued efforts to enhance EPA's chemical management program and increase transparency, the chemical data access tool allows users to conduct a chemical-specific search for health and safety studies that have been submitted to the agency under the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA). The tool will also be added to Data.Gov, a website developed by the

Obama Administration to provide public access to important government information.

"The new tool will for the first time give the public the ability to electronically search EPA's database of more than 10,000 health and safety documents on a wide range of chemicals that they may come into contact with every day," said Steve Owens, assistant administrator for EPA's Office of Chemical Safety and Pollution Prevention. "This is just the latest in a series of significant steps the agency is taking to empower the public with greater access to critical information on the chemicals manufactured and used in this country."

Under TSCA, companies are required to submit health and safety studies to the agency when they show there may be a substantial risk, when chemical testing is required, or to facilitate EPA's review of new chemicals. The public now will be able to have easy access to these studies simply by searching for the name of a chemical or for a particular word or phrase, such as a health or safety concern addressed in a study.

In addition to making the health and safety studies more accessible, EPA is taking aggressive action to reduce companies' efforts to keep the identity of the chemicals confidential when health and safety studies are submitted to the agency.

The EPA also announced its partnership with the European Chemicals Agency (ECHA) designed to promote enhanced technical cooperation on chemical management activities. The partnership is part of EPA's commitment to improve chemical safety. ECHA is the agency that implements the European Union's chemical management program known as REACH (Registration, Evaluation, Authorization, and Restriction of Chemicals).

The partnership was formalized through a statement of intent and was highlighted at the recent Transatlantic Economic Council (TEC) meeting in Washington, D.C. The TEC issued a statement stressing the importance of enhanced cooperation on chemicals. The statement of intent provides the first concrete result of this effort and puts in place a process for working together on a range of issues of mutual interest including toxicity testing, the hazard and risk assessment of chemicals, risk management tools, scientific collaboration, and information exchange.

One of the major anticipated areas of collaboration will be on the exchange of data and information. For example, the statement of intent will promote the exchange of non-confidential information on hazards, uses, and substance identification between ECHA and EPA, including data col-