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APPOINTMENTS

Coventya, Inc., welcomes Tom Hall to its WaterCare Team as a direct sales representative. Hall brings more than 30 years of experience in the specialty water treatment chemical industry, including positions with Chemical, Enron Nalco, Corporation, and Amsolv. In his new role, Hall will focus on WaterCare growth in the Ohio region and will also provide support for the growth of new distribution outlets. Hall is married with two children and lives in Chargin Falls, Ohio. He has a Bachelor of Science Degree in Pharmacy from Purdue University, Indiana. Hall is also an active member of the Association of Water Technologies and the Cleveland Chemical Association.

KCH Engineered Systems' CEO Ken Hankinson recently announced the promotion of **Tommy Toney** to the position of general manager. Toney has worked at KCH Services since 1985; his position in the company for the last 20 years has been production manager.

Enthone, Inc., a business of Cookson Electronics, has named Douglas Kielbasa technical service engineer, Performance Coatings, for the U.S. Central Region. Kielbasa is responsible for the installation of Enthone chemical processing equipment at customer facilities, as well as the training of customer personnel in the proper control of Enthone processes. Kielbasa is also involved in key projects designed to improve the yields and quality of customers' operations.

Kielbasa, a member of the American Electroplaters and Surface Finishers Society, has extensive technical knowledge and applications expertise, gained over a nearly 30-year career in the surface

finishing industry. He began working for Norris Industries in 1981 and most recently served as plating and assembly manager for SRG Global in Morehead, Ky. An advocate for efficiency and value in manufacturing, Kielbasa has earned Lean Enterprise Certification from the University of Tennessee's Center for Executive Education, College of Business Administration. Kielbasa currently resides with his wife and children in Morehead.

"Enthone is fortunate to have Doug Kielbasa on our team," said Gerry Vogelpohl, Enthone's technical service manager for Performance Coatings, U.S. Central Region. "His wealth of experience ensures that our customers realize the full value of Enthone's products and processes throughout the production process, and that their experience with Enthone exceeds all expectations."

Timothy M. Knavish has been appointed vice president, automotive coatings, Americas, **PPG Industries**, effective March 1. Knavish, formerly general manager, automotive coatings, Americas, will continue to be based at the PPG automotive coatings headquarters in Troy, Mich. He will report directly to Cynthia A. Niekamp, vice president, automotive coatings.

Knavish joined PPG in 1987, in flat glass engineering at the company's corporate headquarters in Pittsburgh. In 1993, he became process engineer at PPG's Meadville, Pa., flat glass manufacturing facility, and in 1995 he was promoted to supervisor, technical services. In 1996, Knavish returned to Pittsburgh as manager, operations planning and scheduling, automotive glass. He was named superintendent, production, for PPG's Evart, Mich., automotive glass manufacturing facility in 1997.

2010 WASHINGTON FORUM UPDATES

The National Association for Surface Finishing (NASF) has provided new details about the upcoming Washington Forum, scheduled for April 27–28 at the L' Enfant Plaza Hotel in Washington, D.C. Topics will closely track some of the major issues facing the industry in this Congress and beyond.

Following are a few items on the agenda:

New Chromium and Nickel Air Regulations in the Pipeline—Where will EPA, Canada and other nations move in the coming months on rewriting air emission rules for nickel and chromium surface coatings?

The 2010 Elections—How will the parties fare next November, and what will be the impact on U.S. manufacturing and surface finishing job shops, captive operations and suppliers?

Health Care Reform—What should your company be most concerned about in the ongoing debate over health care reform, whether or not the current measure under debate is enacted?

Energy Costs and Climate Change—How is the North
American and global marketplace for
finishing being driven by energy legislation and the climate change
debate?

Workplace and Labor Issues—Will the labor union agenda on "card check," ergonomics and criminalizing minor OSHA infractions move in Congress, and how can NASF members have a stronger voice in opposing new mandates?

Emerging Policy on Fume Suppressants—What's next from EPA and states on moving to non-PFOS substitutes for fume suppressants?

Reforming U.S. Chemicals Policy—



How tough will Congress get in overhauling existing U.S. chemicals laws under the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA)?

Emerging Technologies and the Pentagon's Corrosion Management Plans—What's the status of research and new restrictions on defense surface coatings uses?

This year's NASF Washington Forum promises to offer attendees information not available anywhere else. For questions or additional information, please reach Christian Richter or Jeff Hannapel crichter@thepolicygroup.com jhannapel@thepolicygroup.com.

CERTIFICATIONS

Columbia Chemical Corp., one of the world's largest manufacturers of zinc and zinc-alloy plating additives, is pleased to announce ISO registration renewal with the updated ISO 9001:2008 certificate. This is the 11th consecutive year Columbia Chemical has received ISO certification, verifying that Columbia Chemical continues to successfully implement an internationally recognized quality management system in the design and manufacture of proprietary additives for the metal finishing industry worldwide.

"Achieving ISO 9001:2008 certificlearly cation demonstrates Columbia Chemical's continued commitment to improving our quality management system," said Pete Grasson, plant manager. "All levels of our organization were involved in the rigorous certification process, which will provide our customers and partners with added confidence in their decision to collaborate with Columbia Chemical."

Additionally, Columbia Chemical has been granted re-certification of the ISO 9227 registration, which allows the company to continue to perform salt spray corrosion testing for the automotive industry while providing documented results needed to gain approvals.

The company's certification was

awarded by Orion Registrar, an ANAB and RvA accredited registrar, and will be valid until Jan. 14, 2013.

BRIGHT DESIGN CHALLENGE KICKS OFF

The National Association for Surface Finishing and the College for Creative Studies in Detroit, Mich., recently kicked off the 11th Annual Bright Design Challenge. The challenge to this year's participants is to design a 2015 Harley-Davidson concept motorcycle that captures the spirit of today's youth. The key design influences of this year's challenge (dubbed "Loud Pipes & Chrome") include: "naked" aircooled V-Twin engine; no radiator; naked exhaust; and belt-driven.

The designs can be customized according the ideas of each student and must include chrome and other electroplated finishes.

Industry members may participate by becoming a Bright Design

Challenge sponsor. Your investment will be used to fund the scholarships that are applied directly to students' tuition and administered by CCS. There are various sponsorship levels offered:

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- Sponsors are provided with copies of the digital artwork to utilize the designs from the annual competition for their own promotional or communication purposes
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