

## Cortec® Hires New Technical Sales Manager



Cortec® Corp. (St. Paul, Minnesota) is pleased to have Jay Zhang on board as its new technical sales manager for integrated solutions. He

joined the team at the beginning of February, bringing an enthusiasm for business development in his work with sales, technical services, global services, distribution, customers, and other internal departments. Fluent in Chinese as well as English, Zhang has a B.S. degree in chemical engineering and an M.B.A. He has more than 20 years of experience in the electronics industry, including engineering, manufacturing, project and product management, operations, sales, and business development.

## Elcometer Consolidates European Manufacturing Operations

Elcometer (Manchester, United Kingdom), global leaders in the manufacture and sales of coating inspection, physical test equipment, and ultrasonic nondestructive testing products, has made the strategic decision to consolidate the group's European manufacturing and computer numerical control (CNC) machining operations in a single location. Elcometer's Belgium manufacturing operations, located in Hermalle-sous-Argenteau, will be transferred to a new purpose-built 1,600 m<sup>2</sup> (17,200 ft<sup>2</sup>) state-of-the-art U.K. CNC Machining Centre facility in Manchester, maximizing productivity and simplifying the control and management of Elcometer's coating inspection and physical test equipment business.

## Farwest Hires New Regional Manager

Farwest Corrosion Control Co. (Downey, California) announces that Bryan Bartlett has joined the company as its regional manager in Hayward, California. Bartlett has more than 10 years of corrosion control experience and will be responsible for the management and operation of Farwest's existing products and services operations servicing Northern California. His experience and dedication to the corrosion control industry make him a strong asset to the Farwest team.

## Palmer Wahl Employee Promoted to Vice President



Palmer Wahl Instrumentation Group (Ashville, North Carolina), a manufacturer of industrial temperature and pressure products, announces the

promotion of Michael J. Blount to company vice president. He is responsible for the development of new products and expansion of engineering capabilities as part of Palmer Wahl's growth strategies. Blount has 50 years of experience in the design, manufacture, and supply of industrial temperature measurement products globally. His mechanical engineering specialties include certified welding designs and approvals in accordance with ASME IX and beyond, and full penetration welds in duplex, super duplex, and other alloys.

## Interplastic Announces 2016 Scholars Award Program

Interplastic Corp. (St. Paul, Minnesota) announces the launch of the 2016 Scholars Award Program sponsored by the company in affiliation with the American Com-

posites Manufacturing Association (ACMA). To be eligible for an award, one of the applicant's parents, legal guardian, or the student must be employed by an ACMA-member company and the student must be planning to attend an accredited four-year college or university. The selection of the scholarship winners is based on the individual's personal merit and financial need. Six recipients will be selected, each receiving \$3,000 for use toward tuition and/or required books, supplies, and equipment. The application is available at [interplastic.com](http://interplastic.com). The deadline is May 18, 2016.

## Altex Coatings Hires Technical Manager



Altex Coatings, Ltd. (Tauranga, New Zealand) has appointed Wynand Kruger to the newly created position of technical manager. The appointment

will further streamline and improve the high-end technical services upon which Altex Coatings has built its reputation. Kruger will lead the company's technical team, while also bringing focus and coordination to the technical services and research and development functions. He has 25 years of overseas experience in environmental engineering, project management, and process engineering within the petrochemical industry, and has degrees in chemical engineering, marketing, and economics. Through this new position, the company aims to achieve enhanced levels of technical support to meet growing customer demand, including new ventures in the pipeline industry to complement its traditional industrial and marine coatings business.