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AVN Corp Recognized by AIChE for Industry Leadership & Achievement.

South Charleston, WV – AVN Corp. is proud to announce recent industry recognitions. Dr. John “Jack” Dever, chief technology officer and executive vice president, was honored as the recipient of the 2023 Lawrence B. Evans Award in Chemical Engineering Practice by the American Institute of Chemical Engineers (AIChE). This prestigious award is given annually to an individual for substantial lifetime achievement in industrial chemical engineering.

Recognized by the same organization, Raymond Rooks Ph.D., principal engineer, was elected as a Fellow of the AIChE. The highest grade of membership, this peer-nominated honor was given in acknowledgment of Rooks’s years of dedication and distinctive professional achievements in chemical engineering.



Dr. John Dever



Raymond Rooks Ph.D

AVN Corp. is a leading R&D firm and strategic innovation partner solving the world’s most challenging science and technology problems. AVN has core competencies in technical engineering, chemical, energy, environmental and advanced software technologies; and specialty and custom manufacturing.



Coffman Collaborative Presented with Best of WV Gold Campaign Award by PRSSA.

Charleston, WV – Coffman Collaborative won the Best of West Virginia Gold Campaign Award from Public Relation Society of America WV Chapter for their work in developing a community relations campaign with Belle Chemical Company and the local career and technical center, Carver Career Center’s Graphic Design Program. The campaign featured a year-long simulated workplace partnership between Belle Chemical and the graphic design students creating a coloring book for the company to use in engagements with elementary students to better understand the chemical industry. The program also won Best West Virginia Bronze Tactic, PRSA WV Crystal Award for Community Relation and PRSA Crystal Award for single-issue publication.



Rachel Coffman, owner of Coffman Collaborative, receives the Best of WV Gold Award.



Epic Systems Launches New Website.

St. Louis, MO – EPIC Systems is thrilled to announce the launch of its new website – a testament to our ongoing mission to optimize productivity through innovation. The redesigned platform boasts a sleek interface and improved navigation which allows customers to understand the variety of options available to enhance production capabilities.

The primary aim of the new website is to create a digital hub where information is accessible, interactions are seamless, and every visitor feels the essence of the EPIC Systems brand. Dive deep into enhanced product pages, discover insightful blogs, or connect with the team through the contact form at www.epicsysinc.com.



Grace Matthews advised Chemours on the sale of its Glycolic Acid business.

Milwaukee, WI - Grace Matthews advised Chemours on the sale of its Glycolic Acid business to PureTech Scientific, a portfolio company of Iron Path Capital.

With this acquisition, PureTech Scientific is positioning itself to become the global leader in organic synthesis of ultra-high purity alpha hydroxy acids for the Life Sciences and Specialty Chemical industries.

HALLIBURTON

Halliburton strengthens contract manufacturing capabilities and commitment with the launch of SAP S/4’s PPDS module.

Houston, TX – Halliburton’s chemical reaction plants in Texas and Saudi Arabia recently went live with the first SAP S/4 module, Production Planning and Detailed Scheduling (PPDS).

“PPDS automates more of our planning and significantly reduces manually scheduling,” said Shubhajit Ghosh, Senior Business Manager for Chemical Manufacturing at Halliburton. “It better positions us to serve our customers in the U.S. and the Middle East and North Africa region.”

PPDS uses SAP to manage material master information, including sales, purchase and process orders, forecasts, and available inventory. With this integrated data, Ghosh said Halliburton can prioritize production scheduling, configure planning and scheduling, automate resource load leveling, conduct “what-if” scenario-based planning, forecast and identify constraints, and introduce alternative options for materials, equipment and packaging.



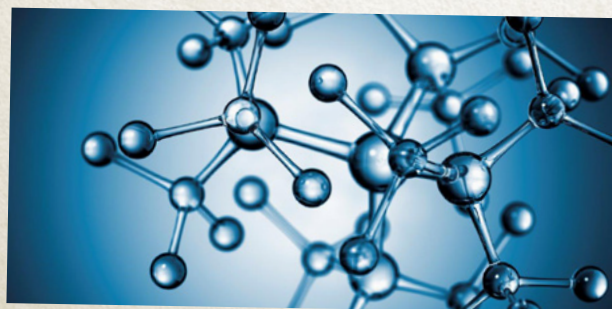
Halliburton’s reach extends beyond the oilfield. It has become a proven manufacturer and blender of EO/PO-based chemistries, custom flammable blends, and multi-step reaction chemistries for multiple industries.



innovative chemical technologies, inc.

ICT Reaffirms its Custom & Toll Manufacturing Capabilities.

Cartersville, Georgia – Innovative Chemical Technologies, Inc. brings customized solutions to the unique challenges of customers. Currently, ICT provides custom manufacturing for several top 100 chemical companies & Fortune 500 companies. Three manufacturing sites are located in Georgia with 60 reactors (SS, glass, Hastelloy C) plus blending/dispersing/standardization vessels. Reactor size ranges from 11 to 7700 gallons. The Augusta, GA site has rail car sidings. Chemical capabilities include specialty acrylic polymers, surfactants, specialty additives & dispersants, renewably sourced materials, odor absorbers, and colloidal silica. ICT R&D capabilities include pilot plant, multiple laboratory sites, extensive industrial experience, comprehensive analytical support, and innovative problem solving.



IPP Acquires New Assets in U.S. and U.K.

Princeton Junction, NJ – International Process Plants (IPP) has two exciting new acquisitions in its portfolio of available complete manufacturing plants and second-hand process equipment:

The former Novartis Grimsby, UK small molecule API/specialty chemical manufacturing plant was purchased by IPP and is for sale or lease! This world-class 170-acre campus has over 1000m3 of reaction capacity across three separate manufacturing buildings, with separate lab, office, logistics, and employee welfare facilities on the site, and is perfect for small molecule API manufacturing, or specialty/fine chemical users.

IPP acquired the assets of a cancelled cGMP API pharma project in the US, including stainless steel reactors, centrifuges, dryers, mixers/blenders, screens/filters, etc., many of which are available for immediate delivery from its warehouse, and others are under fabrication where design modifications may still be possible!

Contact Marco Ruas at MarcoR@ippe.com or +1609 586 8004 for more information about these assets, and IPP's 110 plants and over 15,000 pieces of equipment available!



Mara Gliozzi Promoted to Executive Vice President of McGean Worldwide.

Cleveland, OH – McGean, a specialty chemical technology company, announced that Mara Gliozzi has been promoted to Executive Vice President of McGean Worldwide.

Most recently Gliozzi served as Vice President and Global Business Manager. In her new role as Executive Vice President, Mara will assume leadership responsibility for all three of McGean's business groups which include Specialty Chemicals, Met-L-Chek® and Cee-Bee® Aviation.

President & CEO of McGean, Dick Whitney, Jr. said, "Mara's remarkable tenure has seen her contribute to every facet of our business, equipping her with a unique blend of skills and experience that make her exceptionally qualified for this pivotal role."



Monument Launches "Monument Renewables and Fuels" Business.

Houston, TX – As the world makes the transformative shift toward renewable fuels, Monument Chemical is well positioned and ready to be a part of this change.

We have built our experience, expertise, logistical access, and customer engagement in this space – and our facilities in Kallo and Port Arthur have been partnering with customers in producing sustainable fuels since 2013.

Monument's current Port Arthur, Baytown, and Haltermann Solutions businesses will be merged into this new business – allowing us to build on our core business in fuels and specialty fluids and expand further into the renewables space.

We will leverage our expertise, customer engagement, and strategic asset positioning to efficiently produce, extract, and distribute high-quality sustainable energy solutions. We look forward to countless opportunities to support our customers in delivering industry-leading solutions and positive, sustainable change.



Nation Ford Chemical Achieves Platinum EcoVadis Certification.

Fort Mill, SC – [Nation Ford Chemical](#) (NFC) has been recognized by achieving a Platinum sustainability rating from EcoVadis, the world's largest and most trusted provider of business sustainability ratings.

The platinum rating is the highest rating offered and is only achieved by 1% of companies assessed through the program. Nation Ford Chemical has been manufacturing specialty chemicals for nearly 45 years with a sustained commitment to the environment, employees, and community. These efforts paved the way for the company to achieve this prestigious certification.

Nation Ford Chemical has earned numerous third-party certifications in environmental, health, safety, quality, and now sustainability. "NFC was able to achieve this rating based on our existing operating practices, which confirms to the company's stakeholders that corporate social responsibility is part of our standard business operations," said COO Phillip McCarter.





Texas Molecular Acquired by VLS and Successfully Sequesters 125 Million Gallons of PFAS Waste Safely.

Deer Park, TX – Texas Molecular has had some exciting events during the past year. In December of 2022, we were acquired by VLS, a leader in non-hazardous waste to energy and engineered fuel capabilities as well as barge and rail cleaning and repair services. Although Texas Molecular will operate as usual, we have taken early advantage of some available synergies to execute major sequestration projects, including the use of 2 Texas VLS rail facilities to transload hazardous water from rail cars to trucks for a very large project out of the Midwest.

We have surpassed 125 million gallons of hazardous and non-hazardous PFAS waste safely sequestered by underground injection for a growing number of customers and locations around the country. Our compliance rating with the Texas Commission of Environmental Quality (TCEQ) is still at the best level available.



ChemQuest Group Develops four-part webinar series on Operational and Manufacturing Excellence.

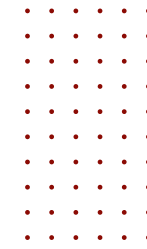
Cincinnati, OH – The ChemQuest Group is a global consulting firm serving the specialty chemicals industries on tailored business strategy and optimization, technology acceleration, market intelligence, and M&A advisory services. As part of its commitment to offering helpful information that enables industry suppliers to optimize efficiencies and improve their bottom line, the organization has put together four webinars focused on:

- Process Optimization & Overall Equipment Effectiveness (OEE)
- Optimizing Plant Operations Including Design Considerations for Growth
- Optimizing Supply Chain to Increase the Bottom Line
- Safety First! Best Practices in Environmental, Health and Safety



Robert Kramer

To view these recorded webinars, reach out to info@chemquest.com.



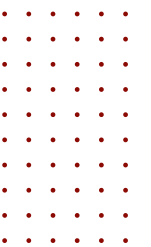
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2023 Safety Recognition Program Recipients

SOCMA is proud to recognize the following companies for sharing company best practices in an effort to continuously build and improve the specialty chemical industry's safety culture .



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