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Mark A. Aiello is a partner and trial attorney with Foley & Lardner LLP where he is co-chair of the firm's Automotive Industry Team. He focuses on commercial litigation and business transactions, including business debtor and creditor matters. Mr. Aiello has written a number of published materials on business matters and has considerable experience in commercial matters, having coauthored or contributed to leading treatises on contract and commercial law. He has particular knowledge representing and advising automotive suppliers and contractors in contractual matters, including representation with business planning, as a debtor or creditor, and in complex litigation.

Chris Beck - OmniSource



I am an Industrial Marketing Representative for OmniSource – Ohio Division. With 20 years experience in the scrap metal industry, I am responsible for the procurement and management of scrap metal generated from manufacturing plants, demolition contractors, dealers, and brokers. I have a Bachelor of Science Degree in Metallurgical Engineering from the Illinois Institute of Technology, and a Master of Science Degree in Manufacturing Management from the GMI Engineering & Management Institute (now known as Kettering University).

Bruce C. Benda - Bayer MaterialScience



Bruce Benda is the vice president of the Automotive and Transportation business for Bayer MaterialScience LLC, headquartered in Pittsburgh, Pa. Bayer MaterialScience focuses on the research and development of polyurethane- and polycarbonate-based technologies and applications for a variety of industrial markets, including automotive and transportation. Benda heads the company's Automotive Center in Auburn Hills, Mich., where he is responsible for leading the definition, marketing and selling of the value propositions of Bayer technologies for the automotive and transportation sectors.

Paul Blanchard - CMAI



Paul joined Chemical Marketing Associates, Inc. (CMAI) in 2007 as Senior Consultant focused on expanding CMAI's engineering plastics practice area. Paul brings with him over 30 years of experience in the plastics business.

Prior to joining CMAI, Paul's earlier positions include:

Product Manager, Compounds at Albis Plastics
Product Marketing Manager at LNP Engineering Plastics, Inc.

Director of Sales, Marketing and Technology for Clariant Performance Plastics

Several positions over a 20-year career at General Electric Company's Plastics Business

Tony Diaz - MF Global



Tony joined MF Global in June 2005. He is responsible for marketing and trading the plastics, steel and base metals Future and Swap Contracts on the NYMEX and London Metal Exchange (LME). He has extensive industry and risk management experience starting in 1989 with BASF Corporation where he held a variety of sales, marketing and corporate account positions. In 2000 Tony joined Omnexus as a V.P. of Supplier Relations and also held senior positions with Louis Dreyfus Corporation and Univar. Tony earned a MBA from Rutgers University in 1999, with a Concentration in Finance and is Series 3, 7 and 63 licensed.

Robert Dicianni - Arcelor Mittal

Robert DiCianni is a Manager in the Marketing Office of ArcelorMittal USA, located in Chicago, Illinois. In this capacity he is involved in economic analysis and forecasting for key steel markets, market research for future steel needs, and market strategy development. He is a member of the Federal Reserve Bank's Industrial Roundtable and is a regular contributor to the Fed's Beige Book report. He has over 32 years of experience in the steel industry and has worked in the US and Europe. He started with Inland Steel Co. in Chicago in 1979 and lived through its various changes to become ArcelorMittal. He has undergraduate and graduate degrees from Loyola University of Chicago.





Bob Dennett-CMAI

Bob Dennett holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Electrical Engineering and a Master of Business Administration degree from the University of Kansas. Bob joined CMAI in 1994 after spending 28 years with Phillips Chemical Company. In his last position with Phillips as Marketing Research Director for the Plastics Division, he was elected Executive Committee Chairman for the Society of the Plastics Industry Committee on Resins Statistics. Bob has broad experience in the plastics/petrochemical industry with knowledge of products from feedstocks to markets.

Mike Herrmann - OmniSource



Mike Herrmann is the Division Manager for OmniSource's Ohio and South Eastern Michigan scrap processing facilities. Mike also has responsibility for OmniSource's Scrap Management Division which specializes in the development of comprehensive on-site material handling, asset control, logistics and scrap marketing solutions for industrial scrap generators. Mike holds a bachelor's degree in Engineering Physics and a Master's in Business Administration from Miami University.

Joseph J. Innace-Platts



Joseph J. Innace is chief editor at Platts Steel Markets Daily, responsible for Platts' global steel and raw materials content. Joe joined Platts in the fall of 2006 as part of a new, steel-market initiative to develop benchmark pricing and editorial products. Steel Markets Daily was launched January 29, 2007. Prior to joining Platts, Joe was managing director at World Steel Dynamics, where he researched and wrote many of the company's key steel-sector studies. Joe has been involved in steel since 1979, covering the industry and its markets as a business journalist. Winner of a national award for excellence in reporting from the American Business Press, Joe's work has also appeared in publications including Forbes, the Wall Street Journal, Nation's Business, USA Today and others. He's also co-author of the book, Igniting Steel: Korea's POSCO Lights the Way, published in 1992.

Edward E. Mabley - CEO FACTON Inc.



Edward E. Mabley was appointed Chief Executive Officer in February, 2009. In this role, he is responsible for business leadership and development in North America and key global markets. FACTON is a Product Cost Management software which allows clients to develop and trace costs/profitability throughout the entire product lifecycle. Prior to joining FACTON, Mr. Mabley has more than 25 years of product-development, procurement and cost-reduction experience in the automotive industry, serving clients that include Chrysler, Daimler, Ford Motor Company, General Motors, Toyota Motors and several of the leading global automotive suppliers. Mr. Mabley holds a Bachelors Degree in Economics from DePauw University in Greencastle, Indiana.

Peter F. Marcus-World Steel Dynamics



Peter F. Marcus, Managing Partner of World Steel Dynamics Inc., is the founder of the World Steel Dynamics (WSD) information service. He is a steel industry economist, a consultant and a security analyst. He has worked with steel companies the world over on a wide variety of assignments over the years including steel company and facility competitive assessments, merger and acquisition strategies, strategic positioning, public offerings and road show presentations. He also works closely with investment banking groups and institutional equity and high yield investors.

Karen McBeth- Platts



In her capacity as Global Editorial Director, Platts Metals Group, Karen McBeth directs the worldwide editorial operations for the full suite of Platts metals products, including Platts Metals Week, Platts Metals Daily, Steel Markets Daily and the real-time service Platts Metals Alert. She oversees a full-time staff of 24 editors located in New York, Washington, London, Singapore, Hong Kong, Tokyo and Sydney, as well as dozens of freelance reporters worldwide.



Jeff Mengel-Plante and Moran

Jeff specializes in working with clients in the plastics industry, including injection molders, mold builders and related services. He has over 30 years experience in operational and strategic planning, inventory control, scheduling, forecasting and costing, as well as tax planning and financial statement preparation.



Benjamin Morse-Platts

Benjamin Morse has been covering petrochemicals working with Platts for nearly 10 years. He began with Platts in Tokyo covering the dynamic Asian markets before heading to New York a few years ago. Ben looks after the US polyethylene market and PET/polyester chain, among other products. Prior to joining Platts, Ben worked at Japan's public media company, NHK..

Dave Nelson - Quality Analytics, Inc



Dave Nelson has long been involved in advancing the purchasing and supply management profession and holds a Certified Purchasing Manager certification. He is chair emeritus of the Institute of Supply Management (formerly the National Association of Purchasing Management). He also served as a member of the Board of Trustees of CAPS Research, promoting academic research in strategic issues involving supply management. Nelson also founded and chaired the OESA Chief Purchasing Officer's Council. He was named to the Automotive News All-Stars team for 2003 and 2004. Nelson was also inducted as a life member of the Shingo Prize for manufacturing academy and a member of the Board of Trustees of the Shingo prize as well as earning Global Purchasing and Supply Management's highest award, the J. Shipman Gold Medal Award presented by the Institute of Supply Management in May 2006.

Kevin M. Smith-Sandler & Travis



Kevin M. Smith is Senior Vice President of Strategic Programs for Sandler & Travis Trade Advisory Services Inc., resident in the Detroit office. He is responsible for the development and implementation of customs and business strategies for STTAS clients and partners.

Mr. Smith began his customs career in 1979 with the U.S. Customs Service and worked for two importers before joining General Motors Corporation in 1988. He ultimately rose to become GM's general director of global customs, where he was responsible for the company's worldwide customs policy, planning and operations, including staffing, operations, systems, service providers, planning, controversy management and government advocacy in more than 60 countries.

Paul Traub - Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago



Paul Traub (BBA, MBA) currently holds the position of Business Economist at the Detroit branch of the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago where his responsibilities include both research and current analysis. Prior to joining the research department of the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago Paul was the President of Scenario Economics LLC and Senior Economist for Americas Commercial Transportation Research Company, LLC (ACT Research). Paul retired in 2008 from the position of Corporate Economist with 25 years of service at Chrysler LLC. Paul worked in Chrysler's Corporate Economist's office for over 17 of those years where his responsibilities included tracking the economy and forecasting its impact on North American auto sales; supporting new product development; and speaking to auto dealers and numerous professional organizations.

John Trentacosta - Foley & Lardner LLP



John R. Trentacosta is a partner in the Detroit office of Foley & Lardner LLP. He practices in the area of contract, UCC and commercial litigation. Trentacosta is the editor and contributing author of the leading contract law treatise, "Michigan Contract Law" (Institute of Continuing Legal Education, 1998). He is also the co-author and editor (with Mark Aiello) of "Michigan Legal Forms-Uniform Commercial Code (Lawyers Cooperative Publishing, 1995). He writes extensively on the Uniform Commercial Code and on other contract and commercial litigation topics. He is past chair of the Business Law Section of the State Bar of Michigan. Mr. Trentacosta has been a guest lecturer at the University of Michigan Law School on Article 2 of the UCC.

Gordon Young - Global Supply Chain Services



Gordon Young, a Partner since April 2004 at Global Supply Chain Services. Gordon consults for the plastic's industry in the area of supply chain strategy development and best practices. Young focuses on Resin strategy as part of corporate strategy – integrating for success.

Gordon Young has been Chief Operating Officer and member of the Board of Directors Reko International Group (REK/TSX) 2000 – 2004. He has worked at Collins & Aikman 1997 – 2000, Chief Financial Officer and Interim President European Operation 1999-2000 and, Senior Vice President Business Development and CFO C&A Plastics.

He holds a BS from Eastern Michigan University in Accounting and Economics and has gone to Harvard's University/Textron Executive Development Program Advanced Studies 1986 & 1989