



## IN MEMORIAM

John Whiting, President and CEO of ETOX passed away on October 5th, in Tyler, TX.

John had been part of the industrial gas industry for over 35 years. In 1995, John Whiting traded in his blue pinstripe suit at a major industrial gas company for a pair of cowboy boots



and a golf shirt and took the reins as President and CEO of ETOX, Inc. Whiting orchestrated a dramatic transformation of the company from a loose association of five separate businesses into one united company with 14 branch locations.

Whiting brought to ETOX his years of experience in industrial gas management including cryogenic engineering, marketing, technical sales and service. He also had experience in acquisitions, distribution, cylinder gas production, specialty gas marketing and production, and fleet maintenance. At AGA, he held various positions including Vice President of the Gas & Welding Products Division, Vice President of Distribution, and General Manager of Transportation & Cryogenic Engineering. At BOC (now Linde), he was responsible for consolidating their retail business as Vice President, Airco Retail Operations.

John is survived by his wife of 40 years, Bonnie, his son Steven John Taylor Whiting, and his daughter Stacey Elizabeth Foster. In *CryoGas International's* 1995 interview with John he told us that he had developed a deep affection for the hard-working people of Texas, the pleasant lifestyle and the beautiful lakes and landscape of East Texas. "I found a little bit of heaven in East Texas.

We in the industry will miss him. □

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**DuPont Air Products NanoMaterials L.L.C.** (DA NanoMaterials), a 50/50 JV of DuPont Electronic Technologies and Air Products, has a new management structure to lead the company in the growing Chemical Mechanical Planarization (CMP) slurry marketplace. **Ed Shober, Chief Executive Officer**, will be

leading the company from its Tempe, AZ headquarters. **Floyd McClung, Executive Managing Director of Asia**, has relocated to Taiwan and will lead the company's efforts to expand its growth in the Asian markets. **Kenneth W. Soucy Jr.**, previously Business Controller for the Performance Solutions Business of Air Products, has been made Chief Financial Officer and will relocate to Tempe, AZ. **Saifi Usmani, General Manager of Asia**, will relo-

cate to Taiwan and manage the daily activities in that region. He was previously a member of the DA NanoMaterial's Technology Group. □

**Ranch Cryogenics, Inc. (RCI)** has announced the appointment of **Josh Donaldson** as their **Rotating Machinery Field Service Specialist**. Donaldson will be responsible for managing and directing field service (rotating machinery) on all RCI proj-

ects, domestic and international. “RCI is proud to announce being able to service all brands of centrifugal/reciprocating compressors, expanders, single and multistage pumps and cryogenic equipment,” says Mike Duffy Sr. “We are also proud to add another service for our existing customers and hope to attract new clients with our added expertise as well”. □

**Taylor-Wharton**, a Harsco GasServ company, has named **Ray Homan** as **Strategic Account Executive** to the company’s **US Distributor Network of Beverage Carbonation and Cryo-Science products**. In his new position, Homan will report to Andy Pazahanick and will represent Taylor-Wharton’s industry leading Beverage Carbonation systems and Cryo-Science equipment throughout the US. Additionally, Homan will assume sales responsibilities in Mexico, Central America, and the Caribbean for T-W’s entire product line of high pressure and acetylene cylinders, cryogenic bulk tanks, cryogenic liquid storage and dispensing cylinders, packaged shielding gas systems and Sherwood’s extensive line of precision valve products. He will report to Scott Boyd, Vice President of Sales and Marketing, in his international capacity.



Mark Fleischer

In addition, **Mark Fleischer** has been promoted to the position of **Director-Sales, Pan Pacific**. In his new position, Fleischer will represent the Taylor-Wharton and Sherwood business units of Harsco’s GasServ Group in Asia, Australia and New Zealand. He will also manage the company’s sales and customer service teams in Beijing, Kuala Lumpur and Albury, NSW. Additionally, he will continue direct sales responsibilities to Air Liquide, Praxair, and Air Products and Chemicals on a global level. □

**Weldship Corp.** announced it has named **Misty Sommers** to the position of Human Resources Specialist. Sommers will be responsible for managing personnel requirements and issues for the growing supplier of high-pressure gas tube trailers, ISO-containers and liquid CO<sub>2</sub> transports.

Sommers has extensive experience in Human Resources management. Since 1999, she has served in the capacity of Human Resources Specialist with the Air National Guard, most recently in PA and formerly in FL. Professional Training courses have included Personnel Craftsman, 7th Level, and Airman Leadership School. She has received numerous awards and decorations including the Air Force Commendation Medal, the Joint Service Achievement Medal and the Air Force Achievement Medal. □



Misty Sommers

## In Other News

The Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) and BP plc announced a major research partnership to explore the conversion of low-value carbon feedstocks such as petcoke and coal to high-value products such as electricity, liquid fuels, and chemicals while minimizing carbon dioxide emissions. In establishing this partnership, BP also becomes the inaugural Founding Member of the MIT Energy Initiative (MITEI), which was created in 2006 to address global energy issues. Total funding for the BP Advanced Conversion Research Program and for the associated MITEI commitments will be at least \$5M per year for five years.

The BP-MITEI collaboration will support a “flagship” energy research program, the BP-MIT Advanced Conversion Research Project. Research thrusts include: Advanced simulation of processes for feedstock conversion and decarbonisation; Multiscale simulation of gasification; Synthesis gas cleanup and upgrade; Gasification technology development; New processes for converting synthesis gas to liquid fuels; Process integration and design for operability; and Fuels market and policy analysis. □

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