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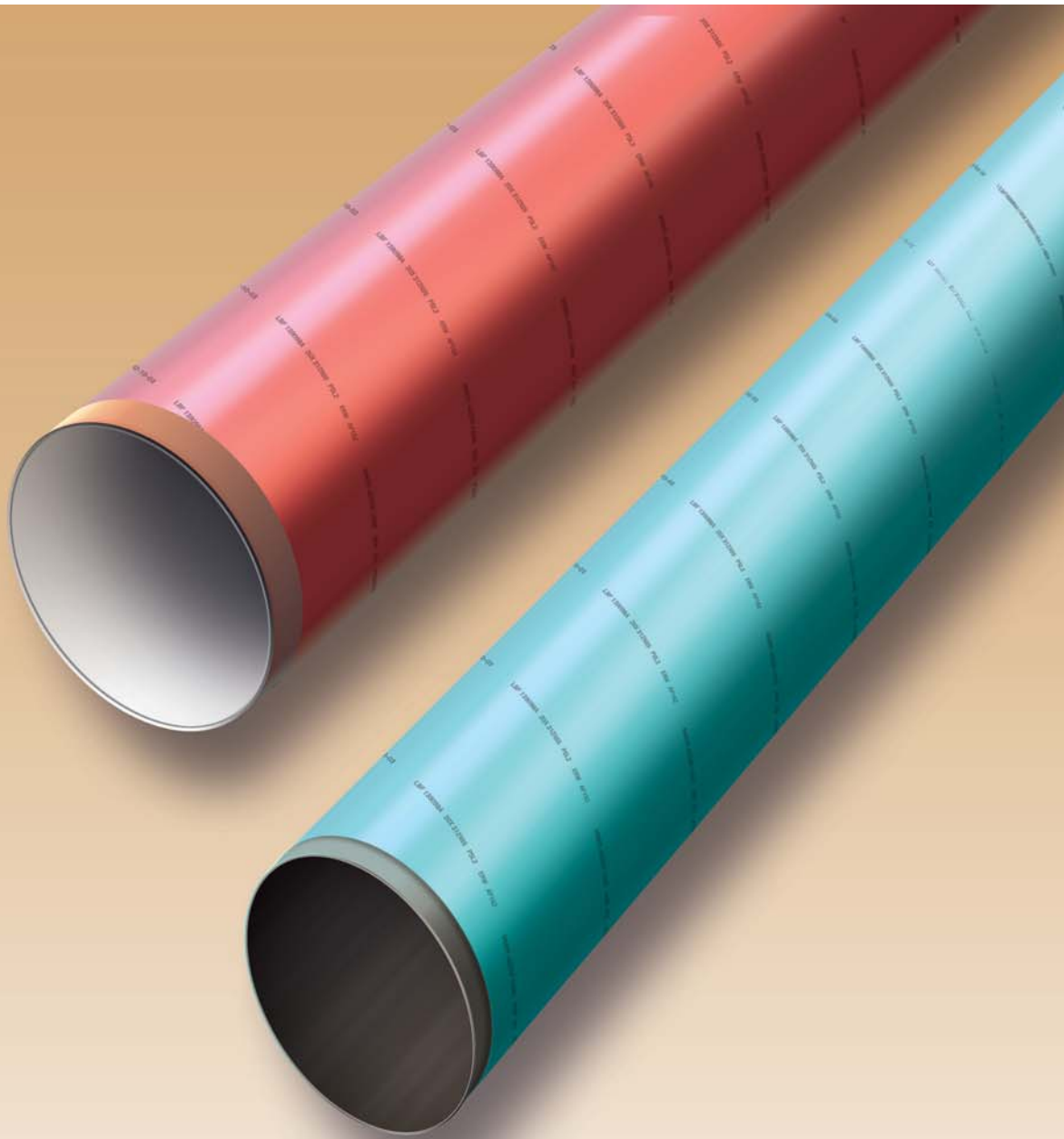


# **NAPCA**

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**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 19**

8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. **REGISTRATION** – Executive Foyer (Courtesy Covalence Corrosion Protection Group (Polyken®, Powercrete®, AnodeFlex™ & Raychem Products))  
 8:30 a.m. **BREAKFAST BOARD MEETING** – Desert Suite II  
 6:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. **INTERNATIONAL RECEPTION** – Pinnacle Peak 3 (Courtesy Industrie Polieco MPB S.r.l.)  
 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. **PRESIDENT'S RECEPTION** – Isle of Capri (Courtesy Associate Members)  
**DINNER ON YOUR OWN**

**THURSDAY, APRIL 20**

7:45 a.m. – 8:45 a.m. **LINE PIPE MANUFACTURERS' CLOSED MEETING AND BREAKFAST** — Leader – **Rusty Fisher**, Chairman, Line Pipe Manufacturers Committee and Vice President, Line Pipe Sales, Lone Star Steel Company, Dallas, Texas – Desert Suite II  
 7:45 a.m. – 8:45 a.m. **COAL TAR COATINGS BREAKOUT SESSION AND BREAKFAST** – Leader – **George D. Stoddard**, President, Mobile Pipe Wrappers and Coaters, Inc., Adelanto, California – Desert Suite VII  
 7:45 a.m. – 9:15 a.m. **MEN'S AND LADIES' CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST** – Wildflower Terrace (Courtesy CRC-Evans Pipeline International, Inc. and Caterpillar, Inc.)  
 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. **REGISTRATION** – Wildflower Ballroom Foyer  
 (Courtesy Covalence Corrosion Protection Group (Polyken®, Powercrete®, AnodeFlex™ & Raychem Products))  
 9:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. **CHIEF DODGE VISIT** (Bus will leave from ballroom entrance)  
**SPOUSE EVENT**  
 9:00 a.m. **GENERAL SESSION** – Wildflower Ballroom  
**President's Report** – **James T. Shea**, Managing Partner, Operations, The Bayou Companies L.L.C., New Iberia, Louisiana  
**Managing Director's Report** – **Merritt B. Chastain, Jr.**  
**Introduction of Speaker** – **Merry L. Brumbaugh**, Vice President, Tubular Products, L.B. Foster Company, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania  
**"CHANGING SUPPLY & MARKET DYNAMICS IN NORTH AMERICA - \$50 BILLION REASONS WHY NAPCA MEMBERS SHOULD PAY ATTENTION"**  
 Speaker – **Byron R. Kelley**, Group President and COO, Pipeline, Pipeline Services and Field Services, CenterPoint Energy, Inc., Houston, Texas  
 10:00 a.m. **COFFEE BREAK** – Wildflower Ballroom Foyer (Courtesy Akzo Nobel Powder Coatings GmbH)  
 10:10 a.m. **"ENERGY GEOPOLITICS WORLDWIDE"**  
 Speaker – **Dr. Michael J. Economides**, Professor, Cullen College of Engineering, University of Houston, Houston, Texas  
 12:00 p.m. **LUNCHEON FOR EVERYONE** – Sage Court (Courtesy John Deere World Wide Construction & Forestry Division)  
 1:00 p.m. **GIN RUMMY TOURNAMENT** – Desert Suite VII (Courtesy H.M.S. Corporation)  
 7:15 p.m. – 8:15 p.m. **RECEPTION** – Wildflower Terrace (Courtesy Reilly Industries, Inc. and Hempel Coatings (USA), Inc.)  
 8:15 p.m. – 11:15 p.m. **NAPCA SOUTH OF THE BORDER FIESTA!** – Wildflower Ballroom – Mexican Fiesta theme in laid-back, fun atmosphere including refreshments, meal, entertainment by Mariachi band and dancing – **dress Mexican** (Courtesy Pipeline Inspection Co., Ltd. and DuPont Pipeline Solutions as principal sponsors. Other sponsors are American Steel Pipe Division of American Cast Iron Pipe Company, Berg Steel Pipe Corp., Dura-Bond Pipe LLC, IPSCO Inc./IPSCO Tubulars Inc., Jindal SAW Ltd., U.S. Branch, Lone Star Steel Company, Maverick Tube Corporation, Oregon Steel Mills, Inc., Stupp Corporation and US Steel Tubular Products)

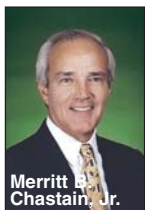
**FRIDAY, APRIL 21**

7:45 a.m. – 9:15 a.m. **MEN'S AND LADIES' CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST** – Crystal Foyer (Courtesy The Valspar Corporation and Wheelabrator Group)  
 7:45 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. **PLURAL COMPONENT BREAKOUT SESSION AND BREAKFAST** – Leader – **George D. Stoddard**, President, Mobile Pipe Wrappers & Coaters, Inc., Adelanto, California – Desert Suite II  
 9:15 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. **HEARD MUSEUM TOUR AND ARCADIA FARMS LUNCH** (Bus will leave from ballroom entrance)  
**SPOUSE EVENT**  
 9:15 a.m. **GENERAL SESSION** – Wildflower Ballroom  
**"ENBRIDGE 2006 - TAR SANDS GROWTH AND GULF OF MEXICO HURRICANE RECOVERY"**  
 Speaker – **Douglas V. Krenz**, President, Enbridge Offshore Pipelines, Houston, Texas  
 10:15 a.m. **COFFEE BREAK** – Wildflower Ballroom Foyer – (Courtesy Akzo Nobel Powder Coatings GmbH)  
 10:30 a.m. **"DEMISTIFYING PROCESS IMPROVEMENT IMPLEMENTATION TO GAIN COMPETITIVE ADVANTAGE"**  
 Speaker – **Scott R. Playfair**, President, P Squared Consulting, The Woodlands, Texas  
 12:00 p.m. **GOLF LUNCH AND GOLF TOURNAMENT** – Wildfire Golf Club  
 (Lunch, green fees, carts, refreshments and prizes courtesy 3M Company and Specialty Polymer Coatings, Inc.)  
 7:15 p.m. – 8:15 p.m. **RECEPTION** – Sage Court (Courtesy Nordson Corporation and CANUSA-CPS)  
**DINNER ON YOUR OWN**

**SATURDAY, APRIL 22**

7:45 a.m. – 9:15 a.m. **MEN'S AND LADIES' CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST** – Wildflower Terrace (Courtesy CRTS, Inc. and Wheelabrator Abrasives, Inc.)  
 7:45 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. **FUSION BONDED EPOXY COATING BREAKOUT SESSION AND BREAKFAST**  
 Leader – **Jason Norris**, Sales Manager, Dura-Bond Coating, Inc., Export, Pennsylvania – Wildflower Salon B  
 7:45 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. **SEWER AND WATER PIPE BREAKOUT SESSION AND BREAKFAST**  
 Leader – **Don Barder**, President and Chief Operating Officer, Liberty Coating Company, LLC, Morrisville Pennsylvania – Wildflower Salon C  
 9:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. **CAVE CREEK AND CAREFREE TOUR & LUNCH AT CAREFREE STATION**  
**SPOUSE EVENT** (Bus will leave from ballroom entrance)  
 9:15 a.m. **CLOSED SESSION - REGULAR MEMBERS** – Pinnacle Peak 2  
 9:15 a.m. **CLOSED SESSION - ASSOCIATE MEMBERS** – Wildflower Salon A  
 10:15 a.m. **BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING** – Pinnacle Peak 2  
 12:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. **SPORTING CLAY SHOOT & LUNCH**  
 (Courtesy Ervin Industries, Inc., Metal Parts and Equipment Co., and Steel Pipe & Tube Consultants, Corp.) (Bus will leave from ballroom entrance)  
 1:00 pm. – 5:00 p.m. **TENNIS TOURNAMENT** – Resort Tennis Courts  
 7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. **RECEPTION** – Wildflower Terrace (Courtesy Jotun Powder Coatings A/S)  
 8:00 p.m. **FINAL BANQUET** – Wildflower Ballroom (Entertainment and wine courtesy BASF NAFTA)

**ALL CONVENTION TRANSPORTATION** (Courtesy Dun Transportation & Stringing, Inc., T.G. Mercer Consulting Services, Inc. and Montgomery Trucking, Co.)  
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## National Association Of Pipe Coating Applicators Membership Spans Globe

Since Its Founding In 1965, The In-Plant Pipe Coating Association Has Strengthened Its Usefulness By Focusing On The Fundamental Objectives Of Encouraging Use Of Permanent Coating Facilities, Standardizing Application Specifications And Demanding High Workmanship And Ethical Standards

The National Association of Pipe Coating Applicators (NAPCA) observed the 40th anniversary of its founding in 2005 by delivering safety and reliability benefits to the worldwide pipeline and energy industries.

As they have every year since NAPCA was founded in 1965, members were an influence for the better by striving to perform exceptional quality work in safe and healthy environments while encouraging consensus in areas of general concern.

### Objectives

The Association's objectives, business standards and ethics adopted and listed in the bylaws, are as follows:

"The Association shall seek to promote the general welfare of the plant pipe coating application industry; to stimulate the use of plant-applied pipe coating and related materials; to standardize and improve specifications and materials; to aid consumers and manufacturers in their coating material research; to cooperate with other industries and organizations; to disseminate information to the members of the plant-applied pipe coating application industry, its customers and the public; and to encourage high standards of workmanship and business ethics in the plant pipe coating industry and particularly among its members, such business standards and ethics to include, but not be limited to, the following:

- To conduct business using good business practices so as not to commit any misrepresentation to a customer or anyone else;
- To abide by the customer and/or NAPCA specifications applicable to each job;
- To conduct one's business with financial responsibility;
- To not deviate from the high standards of performance generally accepted in the plant pipe coating industry."

### Current Officers

NAPCA officers this year are James T. Shea, President; Merry L. Brumbaugh, Vice President; and Jason Norris, Secretary/Treasurer. Shea is Managing Partner-Operations, The Bayou Companies, L.L.C., New Iberia, LA; Brumbaugh is Vice President, Tubular Products, L.B. Foster Company, Pittsburgh, PA; and Norris is Sales Manager, Dura-Bond Coating, Inc., Export, PA.

### Board Of Trustees

Trustees of NAPCA, serving along with the officers mentioned above, are:

Don Barder, President and COO, Liberty Coating Company, LLC, Morrisville, PA;  
Lee Evans, Vice President-U.S. and Latin America, Bredero Shaw, Houston, TX;  
Larry McKinney, General Manager, Womble Company, Inc., Houston, TX; and  
Rick Schok, Owner, Flowline Alaska, Fairbanks, AK.

Also, Joseph H. Hoffman, Plano, TX serves as advisory trustee and associate member chairman and Günter Mally, EUPEC Pipe Coatings, GmbH, Mulheim a.d. Ruhr, Germany, serves as foreign member chairman.

### NAPCA Managing Director

L.B. Irish (now deceased) served as the Association's managing director from 1967 until April 1979 when Merritt B. Chastain, Jr., assumed the duties and continues to serve. Chastain also has represented NAPCA as its general counsel since 1971. Richard F. Johnston serves as executive secretary.

### Recommended Specifications

A complete list of current recommended NAPCA specifications, covering a broad range of plant-applied coatings, a recommended practice for surface cleanliness of pipe received at the coating plant and other matters appears on the Association's web page at [www.napca.com/specifications.html](http://www.napca.com/specifications.html).

### Membership Classes

NAPCA has seven membership classes. Qualifications for membership in each class are:

**Regular member.** Any business entity located in the U.S. primarily engaged in the application of protective pipe coatings to steel pipe at permanently established facilities employing permanently located equipment, which pipe is to be used for the construction of distribution and/or transmission pipe lines (as those terms are customarily defined in the oil and gas industry) for crude oil, natural gas and associated products and other hydrocarbons, including any business entity which

applies concrete weight coatings.

**Affiliate member.** Any business entity located in the U.S. which would otherwise qualify for regular membership, in which at least a majority of ownership thereof is held by or is the same as a regular member. Companies qualifying for affiliate membership shall not be eligible for regular membership, except as provided for immediately below. Any company qualified to be an affiliate member may elect to be classed as a regular member and pay dues as such with all the rights and privileges thereof, except it shall have no vote in association affairs.

**Foreign member.** Any business entity located outside the U.S. engaged in a substantial way in the application of protective pipe coatings to steel pipe at permanently established facilities employing permanently located equipment, which pipe is used for the construction of distribution and/or transmission pipelines (as those terms are customarily defined in the oil and gas industry) for crude oil, natural gas and associated products and other hydrocarbons, including any business entity which applies concrete weight coatings or insulation coatings.

**Associate member.** Any business entity located in the U.S. engaged in the manufacture or sale of materials, supplies, equipment or services used by applicators of protective pipe coatings, any steel pipe manufacturer located in the U.S. which manufactures pipe coated by business entities qualified to be regular or foreign members and any distributor of new steel line pipe located in the U.S. which maintains a substantial inventory of such pipe in stock.

**Foreign associate member.** Any business entity located outside the U.S. which otherwise meets the qualifications for associate membership set forth above and any registered agent of a foreign steel pipe manufacturer which meets the qualifications for foreign associate membership.

A listing of members is included in this issue. Other association member classes are industry member and honorary member.

**Industry member.** Any individual regularly employed as a consultant or as an employee, officer, director or elected official of any corporation, governmental unit, or other entity interested in the end use of coated pipe.

**Honorary member.** Any employee or former employee of a regular or associate member approved by the majority of the board of trustees for his or her contribution to the Association.

Honorary members include I.H. Perry, John B. Wilson, R.J. Young and John H. Royston. *P&GJ*

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NAPCA's Hall of Fame award can be awarded to members or non-members, living or deceased. Annually, members may nominate individuals for this honor. Then, a select committee, consisting of the board of trustees, associate member chairman, managing director and all living recipients of the award, selects recipients of the Hall of Fame award, if any, by secret written ballot. Since its inception in 1965, NAPCA has honored the following with its Hall of Fame award:

R.E. Henry  
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Bob Theisen

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E.A. (Tony) Lawson  
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John E. Pfeiffer

George B. Wren, Jr.  
Joseph H. Hoffman  
Merritt B. Chastain, Jr.  
Mike Reizer  
Wayne Norris

### President's Message

## The Importance Of NAPCA In Fighting The Elements



by **James T. Shea**,  
NAPCA President  
and Managing  
Partner-Operations,  
**The Bayou  
Companies, L.L.C.**,  
New Iberia, LA


**T**o say that we live in interesting times is quite an understatement considering the breadth and depth of natural and man-made disasters we've had to endure these past few years.

As I serve my second term as NAPCA president within a 10-year period I can reflect on how these disasters have affected our industry, both negatively and positively. Without the bonds of NAPCA members and associate members, the challenges would be that much harder to overcome. Instead, these disasters have only proven to create relationships and forge a family-like atmosphere whereby helping one another ultimately helps us all. I am proud to be part of an organization where even the most unlikely aid, that of competitors, can be counted upon by NAPCA members.


The most recent challenge has been the destruction and resurrection of the oil and gas pipeline industry on the Gulf Coast. According to the latest statistics of the Congressional Budget Office (CBO), Hurricane Katrina has caused more economic damage than any other recent catastrophe in the United States.


### Major Hurricane Damage

The damage from both hurricanes Katrina and Rita has not been completely surveyed but \$140 billion seems to be a sobering estimate. This figure was derived from the fact that 90% of crude oil production and 70% of natural gas were shut down due to damage to



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pipelines that bring products to shore. Another casualty of both hurricanes was the loss of or damage to 107 producing structures in the Gulf of Mexico. Three million barrels a day of refining capacity or nearly 20% of the nation's total capacity in the petroleum-refining sector was disrupted due to power outages or flooding. The magnitude of these two natural disasters cannot be overstated.

The combined losses of the two hurricanes are likely to surpass those from the costliest hurricane previously on record, that of Hurricane Andrew, and the three costliest disasters, September 11, Hurricane Andrew, and

the Northridge Earthquake. Consider also that there was a complete evacuation of the lower Gulf Coast within a month's time. People were displaced, resulting in the loss of an estimated 400,000 jobs.

In my 30 years in the coating industry, I have never experienced the extent of damage to our industry that has occurred through these two disasters. What I have experienced is the continuing benefits of the relationships that have been fostered through NAPCA. This was evident when Hurricane Rita struck our own facilities. It was our association with vendors of NAPCA that enabled us to put the facility back in order

in a timely manner. The personal relationship with these vendors was invaluable in resuming operations. Their willingness to help came from a respect for that bond which has been created through NAPCA. They are some of the same faces that we see at our yearly conventions and workshops.

Whether it is a hurricane, tornado, earthquake or human forces, the members of NAPCA can be counted on to assist fellow members in the interest of the industry. NAPCA is about building a stronger industry through relationships. *P&GJ*

## Two Leaders Discuss Challenges And Opportunities In Pipe Coating Industry

Lee Evans of Bredero Shaw, Houston, and Bill Rising of DuPont Pipeline Solutions, Houston, Discuss Their Companies And Careers With Lew Bullion, Senior Editor, Pipeline & Gas Journal

### Lee Evans Has Served Pipe Coatings Industry For 30 Years



**Lee Evans**  
Vice President-  
U.S. and Latin  
America  
Bredero Shaw  
Houston, TX

Bredero Shaw, a division of Shawcor Ltd., is the global leader in the development and manufacture of pipe-coating solutions for the oil, gas, and water industries. With a rich history of proven experience that dates back to the 1930s, the company has served all of the major energy industry clients around the world.

Bredero Shaw and its predecessors have been very supportive regular members of NAPCA since its formation in 1965.

Bredero Shaw was formed in 1996 through a joint venture between Shaw Pipe Protection in Canada and Bredero Price, then owned by Halliburton, and is the largest pipe-coating solutions provider in the world. This joint venture brought together more than 150 years of combined history of providing the oil and gas industry with innovative pipe coating solutions. In 2002, Shawcor Ltd., a growth-oriented energy services company and the parent company of

Shaw Pipe Protection, bought Halliburton's share of Bredero Shaw.

Bredero Shaw could not become the leader in pipe-coating solutions without the dedication of people like Lee Evans, Vice President U.S. and Latin America. Lee has spent his entire 30-year career with Bredero Shaw and has helped make Bredero Shaw the company that it is today.

Lee joined Bredero Shaw (then HC Price Company) in Fairbanks, AK upon graduation from Westminster College, Fulton, MO and worked on his first pipeline project, the TransAlaskan Pipeline Project. Lee's career in pipe coating has taken him from Plant Manager in Prudhoe Bay to locations around the world such as Malaysia, Scotland, Singapore, Australia, Saudi Arabia, and the United States where he is currently vice president responsible for sales and operations in the U.S. and Latin America.

Lee's participation in NAPCA began in 1996 and he has held the positions of secretary-treasurer, vice president and president of the association. Lee believes strongly in the associ-

The World's Largest Pipe Coating Facility, Bredero Shaw's Kuantan (Malaysia) Facility.



ation as it provides a venue for improving the industry. As NAPCA President, Lee advocated improving health, safety and the environment in the pipe-coating industry. For this and many other reasons, Lee has not only been a successful leader of Bredero Shaw, but a successful leader in the pipe-coating industry.

Lee's focus on HSE at Bredero Shaw has made the company the leader in the industry in the reduction of workplace incidents and injuries. Bredero Shaw began implementing an incident- and injury-free workplace environment four years ago with the goal of complete-

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Lee believes "when management accepts responsibility for safety and improvements are made to employees' personal well being, employees deliver improved efficiency and continued suggestions for improving the overall business." This environment has led to Bredero Shaw being the largest, most innovative, and safest pipe-coating company in the world.

Bredero Shaw, skilled in developing solutions for their clients, has an impressive team of experienced and dedicated pipe-coating professionals in the industry. With the most extensive network of strategically located plants around the world, and with proven innovative coating technologies, Bredero Shaw has coated more pipelines in more diverse geographical areas and climates than anyone else in the industry.

The company has more than 4,000 employees in more than 40 locations around the globe. As industry leaders, the professional management teams of Bredero Shaw have extensive experience in helping clients solve unique pipe-coating challenges.

From the earliest point of conceptual engineering through to detailed design, procurement, execution and delivery, the company is

dedicated to providing the most cost-effective pipeline coating solutions in the industry.

### Broad Network Of Plants

Bredero Shaw has the broadest network of strategically located pipe-coating facilities in the world. In each of 27 plants, the company has the essential contacts and detailed knowledge of the business culture and conditions unique to each country. This knowledge and familiarity with local practices ensures efficient access to material and logistics solutions. Bredero Shaw's plant network includes:

- The world's largest pipe-coating plant, strategically located in Malaysia;
- A technologically advanced facility in Norway; and
- Many mobile facilities that can be quickly established in remote locations to meet client needs.

Bredero Shaw maintains a Quality Management System that conforms to ISO 9001:2000. The company is dedicated to continuous improvement of the Quality Management System, ensuring that all employees understand, implement and sustain the system. All plants have integrated quality control systems to ensure compliance with client specifications and industry standards.

Bredero Shaw has developed more than 40 leading pipe-coating technologies designed to

protect pipelines across all segments of the market. Proven technologies include:

- Innovative anti-corrosion coatings;
- Protective and weight coatings;
- Thermal flow assurance coatings;
- Internal coatings;
- Custom coatings; and
- Field joints, support engineering and logistics services.

The company has been instrumental in introducing innovative coatings for cold climates, rugged terrains, high operating temperatures, deep water environments and many other unique applications. With the most extensive research and development facilities located in Canada and Norway, and applied development resources at each plant, Bredero Shaw is the leader in the formulation and production of unique coating solutions.

Through active participation with NAPCA and other industry organizations such as NACE, ISO, CSA, IPLOCA, and AWWA, Bredero Shaw proactively addresses key industry issues by initiating and implementing new standards, product solutions and technologies.

With Bredero Shaw's continued support of NAPCA and the dedication of its members, the pipe-coating industry is well-positioned to meet the challenges in this ever-changing world. **PE&GJ**

## Bill Rising Enjoys Welcome He Received In Texas



Bill Rising  
Regional Manager—  
Finance/Planning, Powder  
Americas  
DuPont Pipeline Solutions,  
Houston, TX

**A**s an expat Brit, he hasn't ridden a horse since moving here in 1996 or entered a chili contest, but William (Bill) Rising has found his footing in the great state of Texas.

Bringing with him his two sons and wife, Liz, Bill relocated to Texas as a result of the Herberts and O'Brien Powder Products merger.

Bill began his career in coatings in 1976

with Becker in the UK and worked with them until 1992, when Herberts bought the Becker Powder Group. During his role as the global finance manager, Herberts expanded throughout the world. Bill became conversant with working in different regions of the world, particularly in the expansion of powder manufacturing for Herberts in the Far East.

He came to Texas with Herberts-O'Brien as vice president of finance. In this role, Bill worked closely with John Bethea. He learned quickly from John's extensive knowledge of the pipe-coatings business and shared his desire to globalize the technology. Bill's experience in developing new systems in the decorative finishing market would come in handy with the functional coatings market.

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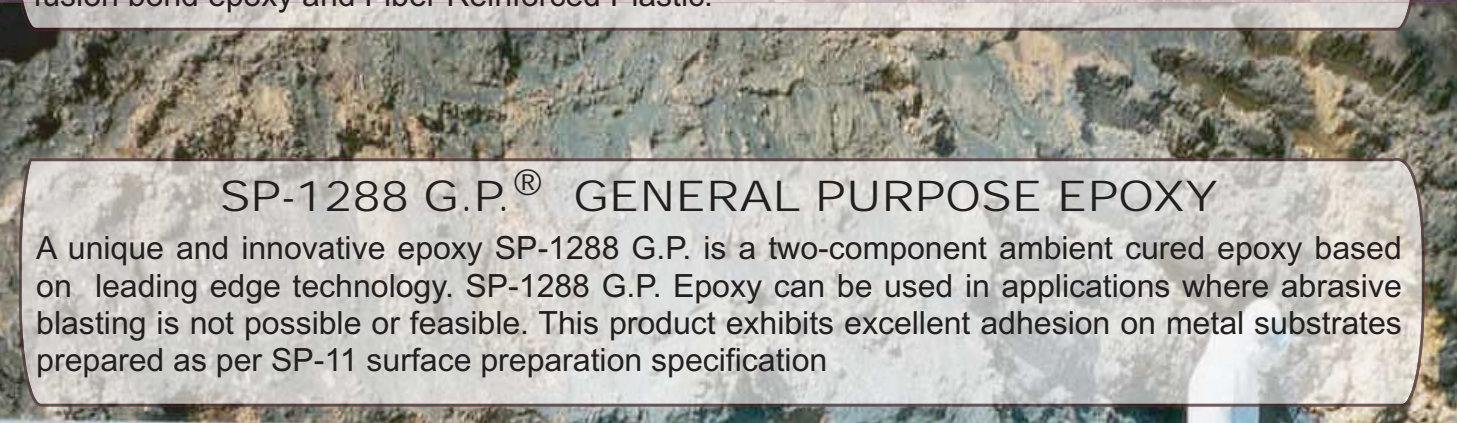
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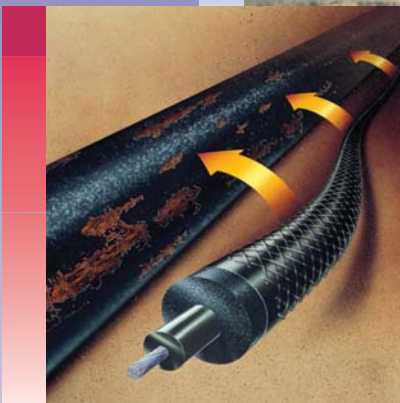
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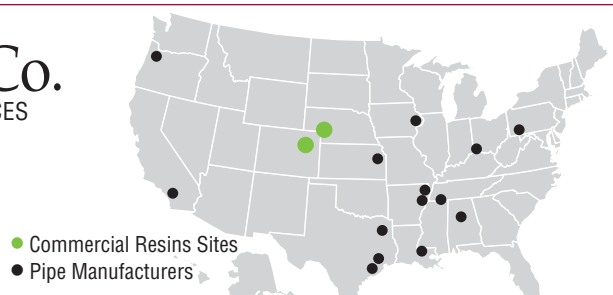


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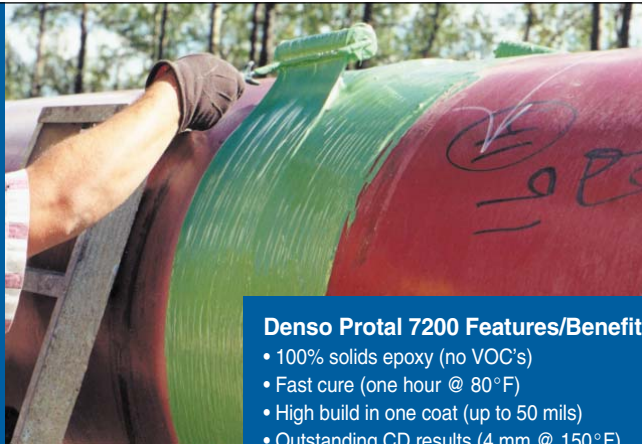
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