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MICHAEL DUFF APPOINTED DIRECTOR, BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT FOR WELEX BRAND

Robert Deitrick, vice president of global sales for Graham Engineering Corporation has appointed Michael Duff director, business development for the company's Welex brand. Welex is the global standard in high performance sheet extrusion, leading the industry with over four decades of innovation and solutions installed in more than 3,000 customer locations in 69 countries.



"Mike brings almost three decades of technical and commercial expertise in plastics processing and sheet extrusion," said Deitrick. "He has first-hand experience of the challenges and opportunities facing our customers and prospective customers who will find him knowledgeable and ready to support."

Michael Duff joins the group from the packaging technologies division of PolyOne Corporation (formerly Spartech) where he was director of strategic partner development for the thermoforming and roll stock extrusion markets. Previously he had served in project and plant engineering, manufacturing and operations management, technology and product development, and sales and consulting roles, including a 22 year career with Reynolds Food Packaging (formerly KAMA and IVEX Corporations).

Michael has had extensive product and process experience in the areas of sheet and film extrusion and the converting fields, including PET, PS, PP, BiaxOPS, PLA and barrier materials.

Michael holds a BSc. degree in industrial engineering from Lehigh University.

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The Graham Group acquired majority interest in American Kuhne in 2012, followed by Graham Engineering Corporation's acquisition of Welex in June 2013. Together, Graham Engineering Corporation, American Kuhne, and Welex create a convergence of leading technologies, people, and capabilities in extrusion. Graham is a privately held company headquartered in York, Pennsylvania, USA.

Graham Engineering Corporation (GEC) is the global standard in wheel and industrial extrusion blow molding solutions, with 400 installations in 20 countries. GEC offers package design, product development and processing expertise, along with monolayer, multilayer, and barrier extrusion blow molding equipment and technology upgrades. Visit www.grahamengineering.com.

American Kuhne (AK) is the preferred provider of engineered solutions for plastics, rubber, and silicone extrusion. AK solutions comprise standard and custom single screw extruders, feed screws, extrusion systems, and specialized turnkey systems for laboratory, medical tubing, narrow web, wire and cable, pipe, tubing, and profile applications. Visit www.americankuhne.com.

Welex is the global standard in high performance sheet extrusion solutions, with over four decades of leadership. Welex solutions are installed in more than 3,000 customer locations in 69 countries. The company's innovations include co-extrusion and multi-layer methods that lead the industry as well as dozens of barrier lines installed globally. Visit www.welex.com.