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A detailed photograph of an industrial thermal spraying process. An orange robotic arm, with the 'ABB' logo visible on its joint, is positioned over a large, circular, metallic workpiece. The arm's end effector is a spray gun that is actively applying a coating to the surface of the workpiece. A bright, greenish-yellow spray is visible at the point of contact. The workpiece has a central white cylindrical feature and several radial slots. The background consists of blue vertical structural elements of the industrial environment.

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Prof. Seiji Kuroda delivering his Plenary Talk



Prof. Changhee Lee inaugurating the Technical Exhibition

SIXTH ASIAN THERMAL SPRAY CONFERENCE

The 6th Asian Thermal Spray Conference (ATSC-2014) was held at Hyderabad, India during November 24-26, 2014. Over the years, the ATSC Conference Series has emerged as a flagship event of the Asian Thermal Spray Society (ATSS) in the Asia-Pacific region, with the previous ATSCs having been held in Japan (twice), Korea, Singapore and China. ATSC-2014 was organised by the International Advanced Research Centre for Powder Metallurgy and New Materials (ARCI), a leading Indian R&D institute with particular expertise in the field of surface engineering, in association with ATSS.

The above first ever ATSC to be conducted in India had an overwhelming response, with nearly 300 people representing 14 countries participating. The presence of a large number of renowned experts from across the globe ensured exciting technical deliberations. Apart from 35 Plenary and Invited lectures delivered by the above experts, over 90 Oral technical presentations spanning various aspects of thermal spraying were made across 15 carefully organized technical sessions. In addition, 20 poster-presentations were made by young researchers and students.

ATSC-2014 was actively supported by thermal spray equipment manufacturers, service providers and users alike, as well as by various funding agencies of the Govt. of India. A Technical Exhibition held concurrently during the conference also attracted immense interest, with

all the available exhibition booths being taken and nearly 25 leading companies associated with the field of thermal spraying participating. A 2-day course on Thermal Spraying, conducted by Prof. Christopher Berndt, University of Swinburne, Australia on Nov 23-23, 2014 immediately preceding the ATSC was also a standout success.

Clearly, ATSC-2014 realized the objective of providing an attractive forum for all stakeholders (researchers from industry, R&D institutions and academia;

thermal spray practitioners from service providers; capital installations; equipment and feedstock manufacturers as well as OEMs and users) from across the region to network in order to foster a fruitful interaction during and after the conference. It also served as an important step in putting India on the thermal spray map. ▲



Participants at the ATSC-2014

H.C. STARCK'S TANTALUM SUPPLY CHAIN AGAIN DECLARED COMPLIANT WITH CONFLICT FREE SMELTER PROGRAM

H.C. Starck, a leading manufacturer of technology metals and advanced ceramics, announced today that its tantalum supply chain has been again declared free of "conflict minerals" following an independent audit. The audit was conducted by a third party auditor assigned by the Electronics Industry Citizenship Coalition (EICC) and Global e-Sustainability Initiative (GeSI) as part of the Conflict Free Smelter Program (CFSP).

"The procurement and processing of raw materials from conflict-free sources is a core component of our raw material strategy", said Andreas Meier, President and CEO of H.C. Starck. "We are proud of the re-certification because it proves the success of our sustainability efforts in procuring raw materials." At the beginning of 2015, all of

H.C. Starck's tantalum processing plants in the United States, Germany, Japan, and in Thailand were audited by independent auditors, assigned by the EICC and GeSI and were found to meet the high CFSP site requirements. To be declared conflict-free, H.C. Starck had to prove that it has documented and integrated a conflict minerals policy into its business operations to avoid the use of ores and metals that finance or benefit armed groups; deploys a system for tracing finished goods back to its mine of origin, and documents that all of its purchased and processed materials are from conflict-free sources.

The raw material supply of H.C. Starck rests on two strong pillars: cooperation with established and certified mines as well as increasing recycling activities of secondary materials. "Technology metal recycling is a distinctive competence of H.C. Starck," said Meier. "It helps us to accomplish supply security and it reduces our dependency from volatile global raw material pricing."

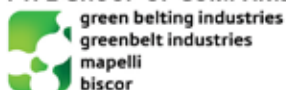
H.C. Starck fully supports the position of the EICC and the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) to avoid the use of ores and metals that finance or benefit armed groups. The company is committed to actively

supporting its customers with their diligence and disclosure requirements as required by the SEC regulations. H. C. Starck is a member of the ITRI Tin Supply Chain Initiative (ITSCI), which has developed a due diligence system for a transparent raw material supply chain in conflict regions and monitors the implementation of the system in their member companies. In support of government and private initiatives to develop conflict-free supply chain systems, H.C. Starck is a founding member of the Public-Private Alliance for Responsible Minerals Trade (PPA).

About H.C. Starck

The H.C. Starck Group is a leading global supplier of technology metals and advanced ceramics, and serves growing industries such as the electronics, chemicals, automotive, medical technology, aerospace, energy technology, and environmental technology industries, as well as engineering companies and tool manufacturers, from its own manufacturing facilities located in Europe, America, and Asia. In 2013, the company had about 2,800 employees in the United States, Canada, Great Britain, Germany, China, Thailand, Vietnam and Japan. Additional news about the company is available at www.hcstarck.com. ▲

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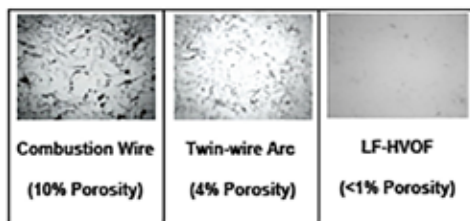
THERMAL SPRAY AUTOMATION EVOLUTION TO EXCELLENCE



Thermal spray, in simplest terms, is nothing but a stream of molten particles impinging upon a substrate surface creating coatings that can be tailored to do a variety of things! Ever since Dr. Max Ulrich Schoop identified the opportunity in the early 1900's, vastly different technologies have been implemented to atomize the molten particles. Various sources of energy like gaseous fuel, liquid fuel, plasma and electric arc along with feed stock material in either wire or powder form are used by designers and manufacturers of thermal spray equipment, to produce thermal spray solutions. The function of the desired surface enhancement dictates the choice of thermal spray equipment.

While the chemistry of the thermal spray consumable of choice, for proper surface enhancement is of utmost importance, choice of the thermal spray process to produce the coating needs proper consideration as well. For example, while coating 95/5 Nickel/Aluminum is possible using either plasma or arc spray processes, it is difficult to produce a coating with thickness exceeding 0.040 inch (1 mm) using plasma spray. Or if denser coatings are desired, high velocity oxygen fuel process is better suited than arc spray process. Coatings of Alloy 718 sprayed by combustion wire, arc spray or HVOF are distinctly different with diverse levels

of oxides and porosity. Improper choice of the process could lead to an expensive, unprofitable mistake.



**Fig 1. Alloy 718 Coatings
by Different Thermal Spray Processes**

Excluding twin-wire arc spray systems, a typical spray spot size of a thermal spray torch on a flat surface could range anywhere from 0.375 inch (9.5 mm) to a maximum of 0.5 inch (12.7 mm). The build-up rate of the coating per pass varies with the different thermal spray processes due to coating structure and stress. With the arc spray process, it is generally not recommended to exceed a build-up rate of 0.004 inch (0.1mm) per pass. By nature, as the thermal spray process builds up the coating thickness, it is imperative that there is an overlap of each pass as the coating is laid down. If not, there is a high likelihood of inconsistent thickness or perhaps, exposed substrate with little to no coating coverage which is an unacceptable outcome in any coating application other than those used for sacrificial corrosion protection.

Consistent stand-off, the distance between the thermal spray torch and the surface being coated, plays a very important role in producing a quality thermal spray coating. Simplified, if there is inconsistency in the stand-off distance from pass to pass, the characteristic of the coating put down with every pass vary.

In a nutshell, there are many factors that affect the successful application of a coating. The choice of thermal spray consumable, thermal spray process, consistent overlap between passes, repeatable stand-off from start to finish, torch traverse speed, and reliable part manipulation, all play a vital role in producing an economical, consistent, quality coating!

At their inception, most thermal spray torches were primarily designed as hand-held devices, with the operator working hard to apply coatings with 'some' uniformity. Consistent coating quality depended on having an experienced operator who knew what he was doing and equipment that was operating as designed. Over time, as the use of thermal spray coating solutions grew to be accepted and spread to more challenging applications with the need for more sophisticated materials, there has been a growing demand by the industry in general, and specifically by the more knowledgeable customers and

end users, for a more consistent, repeatable process to produce higher quality coatings.

In addition, and rightly so, there has been increasing visibility and attention towards the hazards associated with any thermal spray process. Potential hazards associated with the process stem from;

- the nature of the energy sources used to melt the consumables (i.e.: highly explosive Hydrogen or the asphyxiates Nitrogen and Argon),
- overspray dust (Co, Ni, hexavalent chrome (Cr6)),
- gaseous emissions (CO, CO₂, NO_x, SO_x, and VOC's)
- UV radiation,
- noise levels (>85 dBA)

Knowing these associated hazards, businesses have to give serious consideration to the safety of the operator in an unsafe environment.

With the increasing complexity of the actual thermal spray control systems, serious consideration of all the numerous and convoluted elements involved to produce repeatable, quality coatings have pushed the thermal spray industry to move more and more towards implementing thermal spray automation.

A growing transition to the use of industrial robots in thermal spray operations for torch, or in some instances part manipulation, to remove operators from potentially dangerous and unhealthy environments is being pushed by the growing number of and more strict standards mandated by organizations such as OSHA. The use of integrated part manipulators like lathes or turntables, coupled with industrial robots, has helped mitigate most of these safety concerns. Too, the implementation of complete safety interlock packages further enhances safety and adds the highest level of redundancy in helping to avoid the risk of injury and mitigate the health hazards inherent to the thermal spray process. In summary, an integrated thermal spray cell, designed to meet OSHA standards for operator safety, ANSI standards for technical expectations and ISO for consistency and reliability, helps institute sustainable solutions in a safe production environment.



Fig 2. Elements of a Complete Automated Thermal Spray Solution

Over the past century, the seemingly simple thermal spray process has evolved into a complex system going beyond just the choice of thermal spray equipment. The fundamentals of a complete thermal spray solution package have to include:

- Environmental, Health and Safety,
- Thermal spray equipment: Combustion gas, Plasma, RF Plasma, Arc, HVOF, HVOF, PTWA
- Quality feed-stock material: Wire or Powder
- Part manipulation devices,
- Torch manipulation equipment,
- Acoustical enclosure,
- An adequate exhaust system design,
- An appropriate dust collection system,

Optional:

- Master control center,
- Process data acquisition package,
- Part temperature monitoring,
- In-flight particle analysis

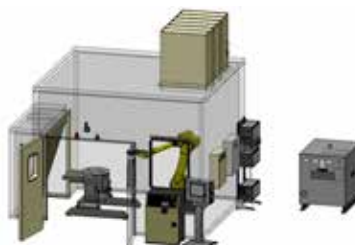


Fig 3. Typical Automated Plasma Spray Cell

Every component of the thermal spray solution package needs appropriate attention to detail and evaluation thereof, for proper design to consistently produce quality coating solutions.

Acoustical booth design and size is dependent on the thermal spray process being used, the part being sprayed, the size of the part manipulator and the device being used to move the spray torch. Thereafter, evaluation of air flow requirements to capture the dust and fumes generated during the process is of equal importance. Negligence in this regard could leave overspray dust uncollected on the floor and in the air which could lead to health hazards and poor coating quality or even failure. Therefore, proper sizing of exhaust system, make up air, and dust collector is of critical importance.

The benefits of automating certain thermal spray applications are obvious. Safety, Quality and Productivity improve along with coating consistency from part to part. In addition, the need to mitigate risks associated with direct operator contact with the spray operations supports the trend toward automated turnkey thermal spray cells. Effective thermal spray automation requires a fine balance of the correct equipment, process parameters and materials.



Fig 4. Complete Automated Arc Spray Cell

Improving Safety, Quality, Cost, Delivery and Performance have always been key deliverables for all successful business models. Using integration experts to help design and build the proper infrastructure for these sophisticated thermal spray application requirements, proves to be the desired approach, to establish sustainable processes.

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METALLISATION LAUNCHES NEW HVOF SYSTEM

Metallisation has launched a new Met-PCC HVOF system. This is the latest development in its range of liquid or gas fuelled High Velocity Oxygen Fuel (HVOF) systems.

The new Met-PCC HVOF system retains all of the simple control and operator interface features of the previous HVOF system and is available in two versions: The Met-PCC HVOF-L (liquid fuel), and the Met-PCC HVOF-G (gas fuel).

The Met-PCC HVOF-L system is designed to work with the MET-JET 4L pistol, but can also operate other pistols such as the JP5000. Metallisation is happy to technically review pistols from other manufacturers for suitability. The Met-PCC HVOF-G system has been interfaced with the Oerlikon Metco Diamond Jet (hydrogen) pistol and the Deloro-Stellite Jetkote (hydrogen) pistol and, again, other pistols could be technically reviewed for suitability.

For the Met-PCC HVOF-G, the supplies package to each of the pistols is bespoke to the specific system, as the hose requirements will vary more with gas fuelled systems. For systems using the Jetkote pistol, a 5m input and 10m output supplies pack for gas fuel systems is supplied.

As the operator interface is PC based it is extremely flexible to control. The functionality can be as complex or as simple as needed. As standard, the system can run in three modes of operation, manual recipe or external interface. With some additional hardware, the control system can be interfaced with an external robot/automation. If the robot is programmed in such a way, the spray system can select the appropriate robot program and number of passes for the robot to make for a given spray job. Alternatively, the entire robot programming can be included within the robot only. In this case, just the robot start sequence will be controlled by the spray controller.

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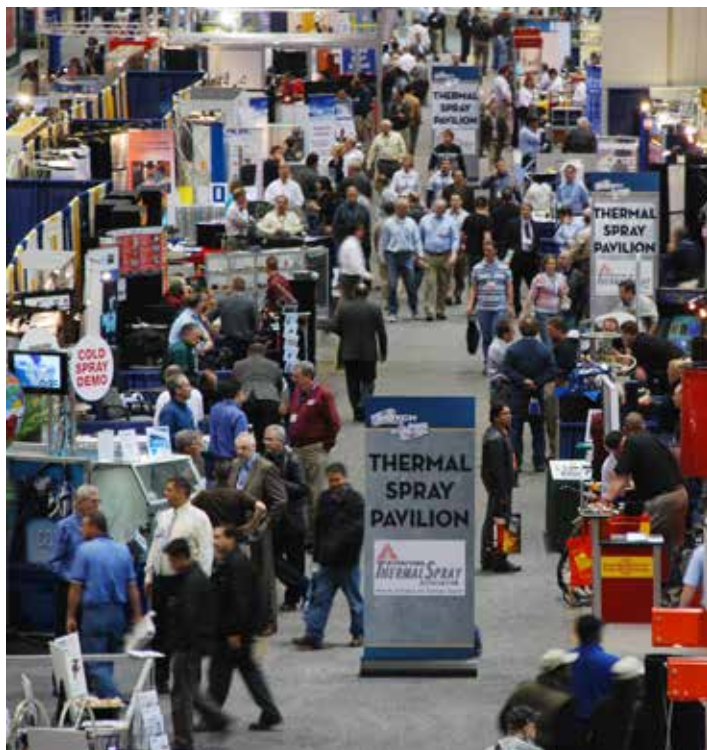
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OERLIKON METCO HAS BEEN AWARDED “TRANSMISSION TECHNOLOGY” OF THE YEAR

Oerlikon Metco has been awarded special jury recognition for “Transmission Technology of the Year 2014” by India’s Auto Tech Review magazine.

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Auto Tech Review magazine annually invites OEMs and OEM suppliers to present their implemented innovation technologies. The award is well known as IATIA (Indian Automotive Technology and Innovation Awards) in the Indian market. The various award categories include engines, transmissions, safety, conventional technology, environment, technology innovations, innovations by students and readers’ choice technology of the year. The jury members are eminent personalities from various fields such as R & D, automotive consultants, management service providers, government agencies and top-notch leaders in the auto OEMs.

“We are proud of being recognized and awarded for our innovative products and services in the fast growing Indian automotive market.” says Dietmar Koester, Head Business Line Friction Systems.

About Oerlikon Metco

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department. Both staff and technical capabilities have grown considerably this past year. "We're excited to be growing our R&D efforts here at Polymet, we've always been dedicated to innovation and it is one of our biggest focus areas for 2015" Says President Bill Mosier. "We are lucky to have a team of very bright engineers who are passionate about their work and dedicated to our mission."

In the past year Polymet brought several new, game-changing alloys to market. An example being Vecalloy Readable, from their Vecalloy Product Line (all one of a kind alloys meticulously engineered to combat the most extreme wear in their respective applications). Vecalloy Readable is the only Fe-based twin wire arc spray which is

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PTA-MAT ANNOUNCES LARGE ROBOTIC PTA SYSTEM

After delivering several smaller PTA integrated robotic systems, PT-MAT has completed its first Larger Robotic PTA Platform.

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This unique product allows users to model spray coating on any surface and provides essential information on the microstructure of the coatings. Additionally, it allows the simulation and analysis of coatings prior to the application of any coating materials.

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About Simulent Inc.

Simulent Inc. is a leading multidisciplinary Computational Fluid Dynamics (CFD) software and engineering consulting company delivering award winning innovative solutions to the market place for the design and testing of thermo-fluid systems.

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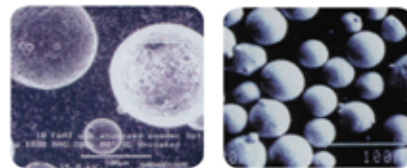
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PF25	.06	--	1.5	BAL	1.5	3.5	--	--	--	20-30	1975
PF35	.05	10.5	2.0	BAL	2.0	3.3	--	--	--	32-40	1925
PF40	.30	7.5	1.5	BAL	1.4	4.0	--	--	--	40-48	1925
PF50	.65	14.0	4.2	BAL	2.8	3.8	--	--	--	48-54	1900
PF60	.90	16.5	4.5	BAL	3.3	4.3	--	--	--	56-62	1900
AM58	.90	16.5	4.5	BAL	3.3	4.3	--	--	--	56-62	1900
316L	.03	17.0	BAL	12.0	--	0.8	--	2.5	--	Rb78	2525
80/20	--	20.0	--	80.0	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
PCN38	--	--	0.4	38.0	--	--	61.5	--	--	Rb60	2400
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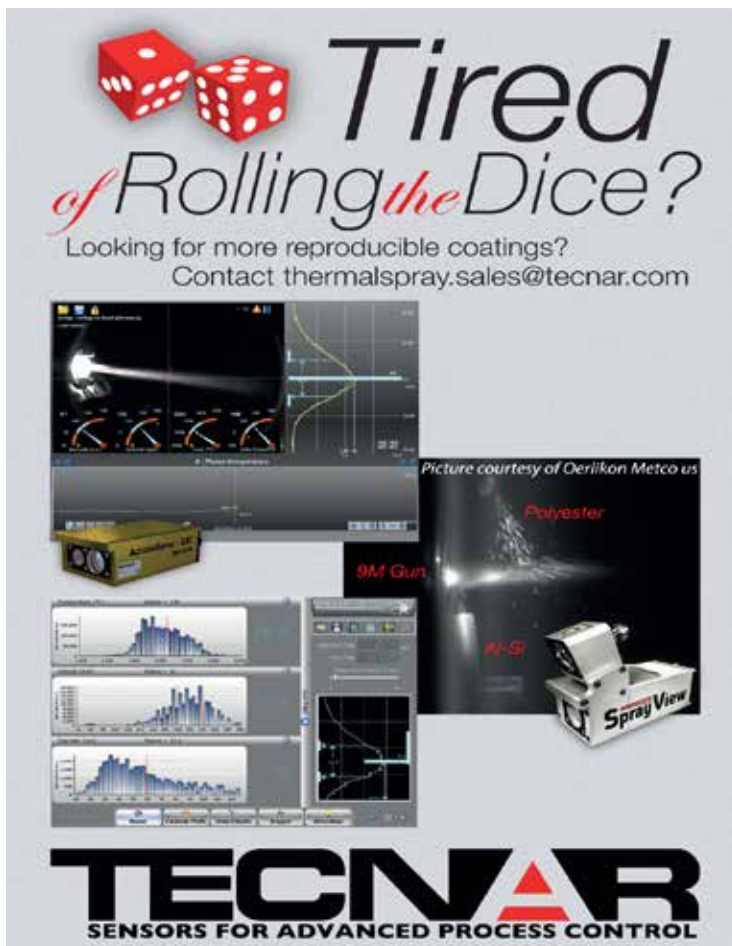
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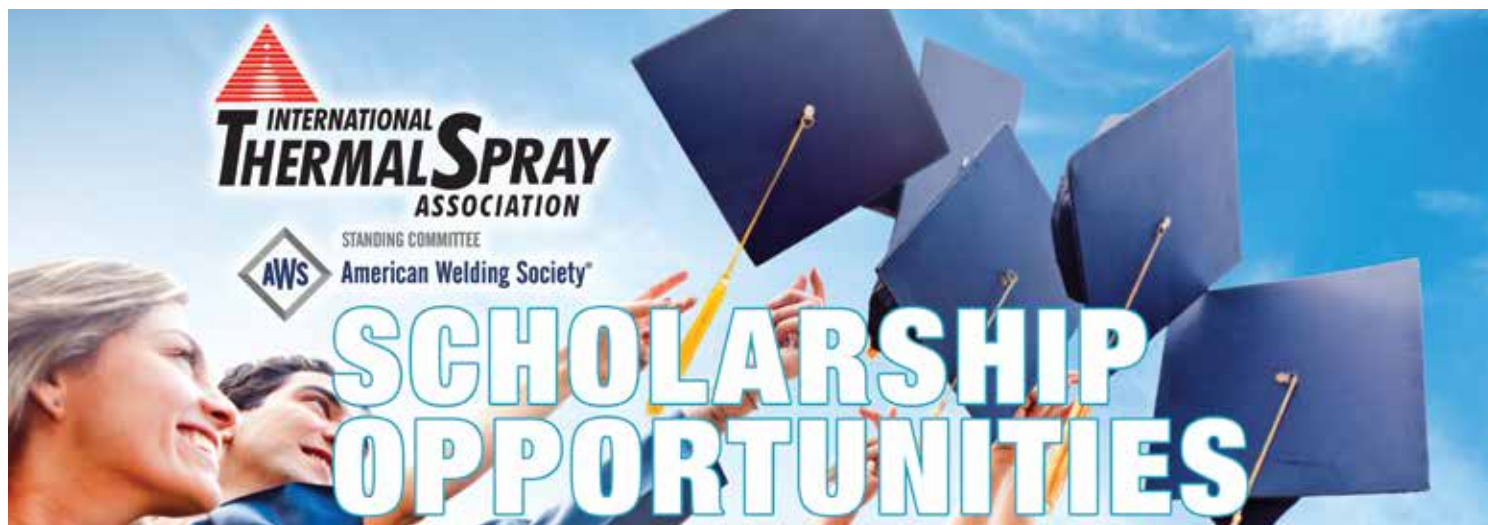
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Processing Conditions Affecting Grain Size and Mechanical Properties in Nanocomposites Produced via Cold Spray
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Cold spray is a coating technology based on aerodynamics and high-speed impact dynamics. In this process, spray particles (usually 1-500 µm in diameter) are accelerated to a high velocity (typically 300-1200 m/s) by a high-speed gas (pre-heated air, nitrogen, or helium) flow that is generated through a convergent-divergent de Laval-type nozzle. A coating is formed through the intensive plastic deformation of particles impacting on a substrate at a temperature below the melting point of the spray material. In the present paper the main processing parameters affecting the microstructural and mechanical behavior of metal-metal cold spray deposits are described. The effect of process parameters on grain refinement and mechanical properties were analyzed for composite particles of Al-Al₂O₃, Ni-BN, Cu-Al₂O₃, and Co-SiC. The properties of the formed nanocomposites were compared with those of the parent materials sprayed under the same conditions. The process conditions, leading to a strong grain refinement

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Does this sound familiar at all to you? This is the typical approach to prospecting. Besides being disorganized and tedious, the process yields less than stellar results because it inhibits prospects from becoming familiar with the salesperson's organization.

Instead of adopting the common haphazard approach to prospecting, it's time to think of every outreach effort as part of a larger campaign to engage prospects.

Meet Laura. Before implementing the campaign approach, she employed a strategy similar to Bill's, usually attempting to reach prospects seven or so times before giving up. Now, she uses the campaign approach to reach prospects. Here is what her new process looks like:

IDENTIFY: Once she identifies a prospect, she adds him or her to her CRM system along with all the relevant information she can find.

OUTREACH 1: She attempts to call the prospect. In the likely event that she doesn't reach the prospect, she leaves a message saying that she is going to send over a letter with best practice case studies that highlight how she could add value to the prospect's organization. She reiterates this information in an email.

SEND LETTER 1: She sends a letter containing best practice case studies. Follow up on Letter: She now attempts to contact the prospect at different times of the day over the course of a week or two without leaving a voicemail.

ANNOUNCE PACKAGE: She leaves a voicemail and email explaining that the prospect will be receiving a package with some ideas for a new program. Send Package: She sends a big package with more high-value ideas to help the prospect.

Follow Up on Package...
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And so on...

She uses this same campaign for each new prospect. Yes, it is more labor-intensive than the haphazard approach, but it slowly builds a connection with the prospect even in the very likely event that she can't get through. Of course, if she does connect with the prospect, she simply references the last letter or package sent and then goes into her call script.

Here are a few key techniques from Laura's process that can translate into a successful prospecting campaign for any salesperson:

1. Create multiple steps. Plan out ahead of time what your campaign will look like and what you will send to the prospect at each step. Make sure that everything you send over is of actual value to the prospect. Brochures don't cut it! Instead, create 3-5 different pieces to send the prospect, which can each serve as a legitimate reason to connect. Even in the event that you don't hear back after step 2, you are still slowly making yourself known to the prospect, which makes him that much more likely to take your call the next time.

2. Call and email in between steps. Since you've sent something of value to the prospect, you now want to follow up to learn what matters most to her. The goal of any campaign is to simply get through to the prospect. By having a consistent process, you simply follow directions and let the campaign do the real work. As soon as you actually reach the prospect, you start the selling process.

3. Warm them up with personal touches. People still open mail, especially when it's personal, so don't just send boilerplate letters and packages to prospects. Make them personal with handwritten notes and individualized gestures. One step in your campaign could be to send a letter with a business article that may be highly relevant to the prospect based on his current situation. The key is to show that you've done your homework and see the prospect as more than just a number.

Remember, developing a prospecting campaign can be a bit of work up front, but once you have it laid out, all you have to do is follow the steps. By taking every prospect through this same campaign, you slowly build connections in a world where it is increasingly difficult to get through the barrage of voicemail, gatekeepers, and other barriers. So give it a shot. Lay out your campaign, and take your next series of prospects through the steps. The more prospects you have in a particular campaign, the easier it is to implement a systematic approach. ▲

Have you ever used a campaign for your prospecting? Please share your results below in the comments.



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We are all saddened by the passing of
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■ In the early sixties, Warren served his Country in the U.S. Army as an Intelligence Analyst, with the 7th Army. After his Honorable Discharge he began his long and distinguished career with Union Carbide Coating Service now known as **Praxair Surface Technologies, Inc.**

In his twenty-nine years with Praxair he worked in many capacities such as: Assistant to the Regional Sales Manager in North Haven, Connecticut, Sales Engineer in Westboro, Mass., Account Manager for the Westboro Plant, Area Sales Manager and Regional Sales Manager at the New Castle Pennsylvania plant.

In the mid 90's Warren accepted a management position dealing with both domestic and international customer sales and remained in that position until his retirement in 1993.

However, retirement didn't last long. He accepted the position of Vice President of Sales and Marketing with **Plasma Technology, Inc.** that same year and continued in that position until his retirement in 2006.

He and his wife Linda subsequently moved to New Castle, Pennsylvania, until 2014 when they purchased second home in Florida.

Warren held a B.S. in Marketing Science from Quinnipiac College and attended over twenty Industrial Training programs at MTI Northwestern Butler. Warren was a member of the Society of Plastic Engineers, American Society of Metals, International Thermal Spray Association and a member of the New Castle Country Club.

He is survived by his wife, Linda, his son Todd who resides in California and his daughter Jennifer who resides in New Jersey, and several grandchildren.

All of us at PTI have fond memories Warren participating in our golfing activities and being entertained by Warrens singing at company dinners and other events. We will miss him greatly. ▲



TOMM FRUNGILLO PROMOTED TO VP, CAMFIL APC AMERICAS



■ Jonesboro, AR, December 16, 2014 – Camfil Air Pollution Control (APC), a leading global manufacturer of dust, fume and mist collection equipment, has promoted **Thomas**

(Tomm) Frungillo to the position of vice president, Camfil APC Americas. "Tomm Frungillo has been a key player in the growth of Camfil APC since he joined the company in 2000," states Alan O'Connell, executive vice president in charge of global operations for the company. "He will assume full responsibility for the Jonesboro manufacturing facility as well as sales operations in North and South America for all Camfil APC products, including the full line of products resulting from the Handte acquisition earlier this year."

Frungillo has more than 20 years' experience in the dust collection and air filtration industries. Since joining Camfil APC

as a regional sales manager, he has held a succession of posts in sales management as well as special market management in the pharmaceutical, mining and thermal spray industries. More recently his duties expanded to include responsibility for Latin American and Asian sales operations. Frungillo is a member of the International Society for Pharmaceutical Engineering (ISPE) and the International Thermal Spray Association (ITSA). He holds a Bachelor of Science degree in business administration from the University of North Carolina at Greensboro.

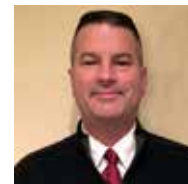
CAMFIL APC PROMOTES FOUR TO SALES MANAGEMENT POSTS

Camfil Air Pollution Control (APC), a leading global manufacturer of dust, fume and mist collection equipment, has promoted four members of its sales management team to new positions.



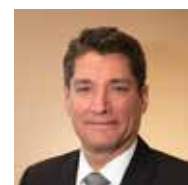
■ **John Dauber**, who joined the company in 1998 and most recently headed up the U.S./Canada sales team, is taking on the role of Handte product manager for the Americas. Last year Camfil APC acquired Handte, a

German manufacturer of dust collectors, oil and emulsion mist collectors, wet scrubbers and ancillary items that strategically complement the **Farr Gold Series®** dust collection line. The Handte acquisition has greatly expanded the size of the company as well as the depth and breadth of product offerings. Dauber will oversee integration of these products into the Americas market.



■ **Matt Caulfield**, a 7-year veteran of Camfil APC, has been named director of sales – USA/Canada. Caulfield brings several years of sales management experience to this role, having most

recently led the growing northeast U.S. territory and Canadian sales team. He will work closely with Dauber on the Handte product integration and will also have involvement in key OEM accounts.



■ **Rick Kreczmer**, an 8-year veteran of Camfil APC, has been promoted to director – aftermarket sales and corporate training. In this expanded role, Kreczmer will continue to manage the highly successful aftermarket filter

sales group while having global responsibility as cartridge product manager. Additionally, Kreczmer will supervise the corporate technical and sales training program for company employees.



■ **Greg Schreier**, who has served for three years as Camfil APC metalworking market manager with 13 prior years as a sales representative, will now have a dual role as director – OEM accounts/ metal and thermal spray market manager. Schreier and his team have spearheaded recent growth in these

markets and have also expanded the company's OEM account base.

All four managers will report to **Thomas (Tomm) Frungillo**, who was recently appointed vice president, **Camfil APC Americas**. ▲

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LEE MORGAN NAMED PRESIDENT OF THE SYSTEMS GROUP



El Dorado, AR, December 9, 2014 – The Systems Group (TSG), (www.tsg.bz), a diverse group of

companies engaged in fabrication, plant maintenance and construction for steel mills, foundries, metal processing plants, petrochemical plants and manufacturing facilities, announces that Lee Morgan has joined the company as its new president.



■ Company CEO Chuck Hays comments: “Lee Morgan has significant experience in leading and growing businesses, which will help us continue to expand all of our business units.”

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Morgan comes to TSG after 17 years at Camfil Air Pollution Control, a leading manufacturer of dust, fume and mist collection equipment. As general manager and later president of the company, Morgan developed Camfil APC from a small business into a highly successful global operation. He holds six patents and has published multiple papers in the field of industrial air cleaning. Morgan holds a Bachelor of Science degree in mechanical engineering from South Dakota State University. ▲

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NEW HEAD OF SALES AMERICAS AT OERLIKON METCO

Oerlikon Metco appoints Steven Ort as Head of Sales Americas.



■ Steven joined Metco in June 2008 as Head of Equipment Marketing during which he strongly influenced the Oerlikon Metco's cascading arc plasma portfolio.

Recently, Steven served as Integration Project Manager for sales and marketing during the acquisition of Metco by Oerlikon. In addition to his time with Metco, he has over twenty years of experience in sales and marketing management positions within the welding and cutting industry. He holds a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration from Central Michigan University and an MBA from The University of Michigan Ross School of Business. About Oerlikon Metco

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MANUFACTURER PLASMA-TEC PROMOTES BRYAN DEGROOT TO GENERAL MANAGER

The manufacturer of coated and uncoated wear components appoints DeGroot to the position after 7 years of service with the company

As a successful and growing manufacturing company, Plasma-Tec continually strives to provide customers with high-quality parts and exceptional personal service. Talented team members who believe quality & service are an integral

part of the success for both Plasma-Tec and their customers are critical to its success. Based on technical competence, managerial capabilities and a client relationship focus, Bryan DeGroot has been promoted in recognition of his hard work, talent, and commitment.

Bryan DeGroot has worked for **Plasma-Tec** since May, 2007. He was hired as a Manufacturing Leader, and was soon promoted to the position of Plant Manager. In 2010, Bryan's responsibilities expanded as he became Plasma-Tec's Operations Manager. Along the way he has fulfilled many vital responsibilities for Plasma-Tec, ranging from business development to operational leadership. His character, values, skills and experience allow him to serve as a liaison between customers and the shop operations.

Chris Wysong, Vice President of **Plasma-Tec**, had the following to say about promoting DeGroot: “Bryan has been a fantastic part of the Plasma-Tec team and he really lives out our values in a practical way. At Plasma-Tec it is our goal to demonstrate Love, Honor, and Respect to every person we come in contact with, Bryan does that. He is a great leader for the crew on the floor, and excellent at helping customers identify the right technology, processes, and solutions for their components. His leadership is best demonstrated by this quote from one of our OEM customers: ‘Plasma-Tec as a whole is a very tight company, very involved in their worker's lives and they care about each other that makes for a stronger company I believe.’ I am thrilled to see Bryan take on this role.”

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It's not clear that the researcher was actually infected. She was wearing personal protection equipment that included three layers of protective gloves, and though she felt the needle pierce her, the plunger on the syringe was not pushed, so it's not certain that the virus entered her bloodstream.

If she was infected, the vaccine seemed to work, because news reports said that she recovered nicely. Yet, we may never really know the extent of her injury or the effectiveness of the vaccine. Nevertheless, everyone is better safe than sorry, and this incident epitomizes the need for an effective Bloodborne Pathogen Program.

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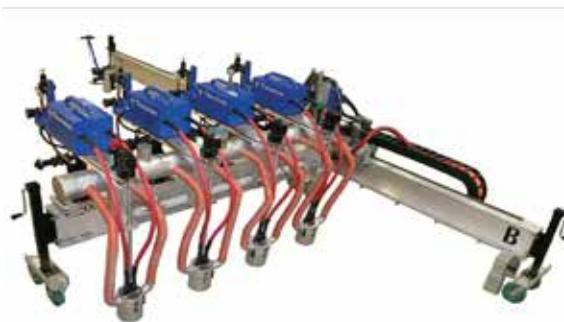
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