

Mobay moves include Braness as research coordinator

Mobay Corp. has announced several personnel moves, including hiring Dr. G.A. "Gary" Braness as the Specialty Products Group's research and market development coordinator for pest control and turf and ornamental products.



G. Braness

Braness will cover the Western United States, and will be based in Fresno, Calif.

The Specialty Products Group also added sales representatives Lee Bloomcamp in south Florida; Randall Davis in south Texas; Jack Hoxie in Georgia, Alabama and east Tennessee; Jon Stewart in the New Martinsville, W. Va., area; and Trey Turner in Florida.

Braness recently received a Ph.D. in urban and industrial entomology from Purdue University. He was awarded a master's degree in entomology at North Dakota State University and earned a bachelor's degree in biology at St. Cloud (Minn.) State University.

Between receiving his master's and Ph.D., Braness owned and operated a pest control company in Wahpeton, Minn., for seven years.

Before joining Mobay, Bloomcamp was pest control manager for the University of Florida-Gainesville, where she had worked since 1983. While at the University, Bloomcamp earned a master's degree in entomology. She also holds a bachelor's degree in crop protection from Kansas State University.

Before joining Mobay, Davis was regional sales manager for Paragon Professional Pest Control, where he had worked since 1984. Davis holds a bachelor's degree in journalism from the University of Wisconsin.

Hoxie has been a sales representative with Velsicol Chemical/Roussel Bio Corp. He holds master's and bachelor's degrees in education from Central Connecticut State University.

Serving with Mobay since 1977, Stewart has served as senior technician for the environmental control lab (1990); lab technician (1986-1990); and analyst, technician and shift leader for the quality assurance lab (1977-1986).

Before joining Mobay, Stewart was a field representative for the West Virginia Department of Agriculture until 1977. He holds a bachelor's degree in biology from West Virginia University.

Before joining Mobay in February, Turner was assistant superintendent for Preston Trail Golf Club in Dallas, Texas.

Turner received a bachelor's degree in agronomy from Texas A & M University.

Ransomes directors visit their newest acquisition in U.S.



Market Manager Clarke Staples, back to, give Ransomes plc directors a hands-on look at Cushman and Ryan equipment in Lincoln, Neb.

Members of the Ransomes plc board of directors recently broke with tradition.

They traveled to the United States for a board meeting at Cushman headquarters, Lincoln, Neb.

It was the first time in the 200-year history of Ransomes that the board had met outside Ipswich, England.

According to Stu Rafos, the meeting signified a commitment to making the Ransomes America companies the leading force in each of their markets.

Board members toured

Cushman plant facilities and heard presentations on new product developments from both engineering and manufacturing staff members.

They also reviewed progress on the 120,000 square foot plant addition underway at Cushman.

Board members coming to Lincoln included chairman H. A. Whittall, Geoffrey Comer, R. L. Dodsworth, A. D. Cameron, R. T. Ashwell, E. D. J. McCoy and Helmut Adam, president of Ransomes, Inc., Johnson Creek, Wis.

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