

Best Sand Corp. affected by parent firm's reorganization

CHARDON, Ohio — The parent company of Best Sand Corp., a supplier of sand and top dressing material, has announced its organization into business groups. The company, Fairmount Minerals, Ltd., also serves the foundry, glass, abrasives and filtration media markets.

According to Fairmount Minerals President Charles D. Fowler, creation of the business groups — Industrial Sand, Manufacturing, Distribution, Research and Technology, Corporate Services and Santrol — will allow the company to better meet the needs of its customers and use the abilities of its employees.

The new structure is also intended to pave the way for orderly growth and expansion while improving the company's position in the marketplace. Each group will be managed by a company vice president.

Best Sand, Esco Sand, Wedron Silica Co. and the Bridgman Lake Sand division of TechniSand, Inc. are part of the Industrial Sand Group. This group focuses on production, sales and marketing of sand for golf course, sports turf and industrial use and is managed by Jeff Fallon, who is based at the Wedron (Ill.) Silica facility.

The Manufacturing Group includes TechniSand, Inc., Fairmount Abrasives and Wedron Flux and is the responsibility of Peter Hoyt who manages the operations, sales and marketing of these three subsidiaries. Hoyt is based in Chardon.

Managing product distribution for Fairmount Minerals as well as other producers and manufacturers is the focus of the new Distribution Group. This group is also responsible for furthering the success of Uni-West, Inc., a recently acquired foundry supply company with locations in Seattle, Portland and Denver. Led by Robert Groves, who works out of the Wedron office, a portion of this group's time will be devoted to investigation additional growth opportunities.

The Research and Technology Group, under the leadership of Daryl Hoyt, concentrates on meeting the technical needs of the company, its customers and the industries it serves. Hoyt is based in Wedron.

Under the guidance of Jack Wymer, also in Wedron, the Corporate Services Group encompasses Accounting, Human Resources, Transportation, Total Quality Process, Technical Support and Engineering.

The Santrol Group, based in Houston, will coordinate the sales and marketing of coated and uncoated proppants to the frac industry. It will function under the leadership of Jason Renkes.

Kelty named vice president of technology and operations at O.M. Scott

MARYSVILLE, Ohio — Dr. Michael P. Kelty has been promoted to vice president, technology & operations of The Scott Company. Prior to his promotion, Kelty was vice president, research & development. In addition to his previous responsibilities for research, development, engineering and quality assurance, Kelty will assume direction of fertilizer manufacturing, seed packaging and corporate purchasing. A member of the National Agricultural Chemical Association and the Solid Waste Compost Council, Kelty earned his PhD in biology from Ohio State University and his

bachelor's in biology and chemistry from John Carroll University.

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R. Michael Webb has been appointed to the position of vice president, business development at Scotts. He assumes his new responsibilities after holding the position of vice president, manufacturing and logistics since 1988. He was vice president of operations at Hyponex from 1979 until the company was acquired by Scotts in 1988. In his new position, Webb will direct growth of Scotts composting services, as well as other new business ventures. He will maintain his

involvement with acquisitions, including the recently-acquired Republic Tool and Manufacturing. A member of the National Bark and Soil Producers Association, he received his B.S. from Texas Tech University.

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Kenneth Fritz has joined Scotts to assume the position of vice president, logistics & operations. He will assume direction of distribution, logistics and regional products plant operations. Fritz joins Scotts after 25 years of working for Nestle Foods Corp. in Purchase, N.Y., where he served as VP of corporate quality beginning in 1990.

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