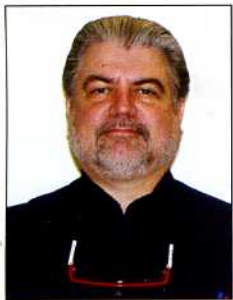



### PEOPLE & CAREERS

## WALL COLMONOY APPOINTMENT OF NEW QUALITY ASSURANCE MANAGER



**David Admunson,**  
quality assurance  
manager  
at Wall Colmonoy,  
Los Lunas


 **US Wall Colmonoy (WCC)** announced at the end of October 2007 that David Admunson has been promoted to the position of quality assurance manager for its alloy manufacturing facility in Los Lunas, New Mexico.

Admunson is a certified electronics technician and also holds a degree in Business Management.

He has been with WCC for 12 years, previously serving in the positions of lab technician and quality engineer. His many duties include an important role on the "ISO Certification Team".

Wall Colmonoy is a leading manufacturer of high-temperature, nickel-base alloys for brazing and coating.

## MSC and SGCC TOGETHER IN TIAMA

 LBO France, **Tiama** group management and employees have reached an agreement with Atria Capital Partners and Verrela management for the takeover of Verrela by Tiama, thereby bringing together **MSC** and **SGCC**. By joining the strengths of their respective groups, Edouard Marienbach, President of the Board of Tiama, and Luc Boulant, President of the Board of SGCC, will make Tiama group the world leader in vision-based inspection systems.

With three main sites in France (Lyon, Rennes and now Gennevilliers) Tiama is also present throughout the world with subsidiaries in Belgium, Germany, Spain, US and China and an office in Russia.

The new structure of the Tiama group will have the organization and



resources to provide a comprehensive range of services in all its markets and have a strong presence with staff based in France, Germany, Spain, Russia, US, Central America, South America, China and soon South Africa.

The group now has five business units:


- hollow glass industry - MSC, SGCC and *Visiglas* brands;
- automotive industry - EDIXIA brand;
- food and beverage industry - LUCEO brand;
- ophthalmic industry - SGCC brand; and
- a Service business unit for the whole Tiama group.

Luc Boulant and Edouard Marienbach decided that MSC and SGCC should combine forces in the hollow glass container inspection field to provide even more effective solutions for the glass market: increased research and development capacity, greater reactivity, a more comprehensive range of products and services as well as a more extensive network with 250 employees working together.

The Tiama group was created in 2003 for the leveraged buy out of MSC. Tiama acquired Edixia in 2006 and completed its second leveraged buy out in 2007. The employees have always owned a large proportion of the group's shares, as was the case for SGCC group 30% of whose capital is held by the management and employees.

LBO France, a private equity company, has made over 60 acquisitions since it was created in 1985, with an average value per company of Euro 10 million.

## ICF FEDERATION LOSES ONE OF ITS FOUNDER MEMBERS

 Dr. John Kennedy, one of the founders of **ICF** – International Crystal Federation – has passed away. He served on the Board of Directors of ICF for 17 years and was also Chairman from 1997 through 2000.

John was awarded the "John Cope Leadership Award" in October 2003 during the *ICF Technical Exchange Conference* in Arques, France. His contributions to the crystal industry are unparalleled.

Above all else, John Kennedy will be remembered for his unflagging devotion to his family, *Waterford Crystal*, the ICF and the international crystal industry. Those who had the honour of working with John Kennedy will never forget his passion, commitment, and energy. If something had to be done, John would volunteer to do it. He will be sadly missed by his family, the Waterford community, and his friends around the world.