Two leaders and innovators who have shaped the past, present, and future of thermal spray technology have been inducted into the Thermal Spray Hall of Fame in May during the ITSC 2912 Plenary Session in Houston, Texas USA.

**Frank J. Hermanek**

For substantial contributions in thermal spray coatings, materials, and technology developments, and for acting as a mentor and teacher to new upcoming members to the thermal spray industry.

Mr. Frank J. Hermanek, is a consultant and owner of FJH and Associates, Lawrenceburg, IN. He received his BS degree from Manhattan College, Riverdale, NY in 1961, and did graduate studies in metallurgy at Polytechnic Institute, Brooklyn from 1961-65. He started his career in 1962 as a metallurgical engineer with Metco, Inc., Westbury, NY. He joined Grumman Aerospace Corp., Bethpage, NY, in 1963. In 1969, he joined General Electric Aircraft Engine Group, Cincinnati, OH, as manager, metallic and non-metallic thermal spray coatings; became manager, vacuum plasma spray technology in 1975; and became manager, coatings application development, in 1978. During his time at GE, he developed plasma spray tungsten-carbide coatings. He joined Alloy Metals Inc., Troy, MI, in 1980 as manager, technical services. In 1986, he joined Praxair Thermal Spray Products, Indianapolis, IN, where he held several positions, retiring in 2000 as manager, application engineering.

Frank has a long career in thermal spray and surface engineering, authoring many papers and receiving four patents. He was deeply involved in the development of the ASM Thermal Spray Division, and the development of the TSS Hall of Fame. He had a key role in creating the original thermal spray handbook. He served on various TSS Committees, and received the TSS President’s Award (1990 and 2000), and was named ASM Fellow in 2006. He is an ASM Life Member.

As a lifetime International Thermal Spray Association (ITSA) member, Frank remains the Historian and Curator for the ITSA Thermal Spray Historical Collection.

**Elliott R. Sampson**

For significant contributions to the development of twin wire-arc spray technology and for providing leadership in promoting thermal spray technology to aerospace markets and in thermal spray education.

Mr. Elliott R. Sampson passed away January 6, 2011 following an extended illness. Elliott was born in Cooperstown, NY. He received his BS degree in forestry from the University of Maine, and did graduate studies in metallurgy at New Haven College and University of Connecticut, and received his MA degree in business management from New Hampshire College. Prior to joining TFA Inc. in 1991 as regional sales manager, he worked at Klock Corp. (CT), Turbine Components Corp. (CN), Sampson Alloys (NY), Guyson Corp. (NY), and Sulzer Metco (NY). He became arc spray product manager at TFA in 1992, and was senior marketing manager from 2000-2004. He was a...
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lifelong contributor to the development and growth of thermal spray technology. He was instrumental in developing and marketing twin wire-arc spray applications throughout the world including coatings for aircraft engines. He was a leader in mentoring and teaching within thermal spray industry. He authored and coauthored many papers on thermal spray technology. He was a member of ASM and the Thermal Spray Society for 23 years. He served on several ASM/TSS committees, as well as the AWS C2 Committee. He received the ASM President’s Award in 2001.

Elliott was a long-time member with the International Thermal spray Association and authored papers for their SPRAYTIME® newsletter.

The Hall of Fame was established in 1993 by the ASM Thermal Spray Society to recognize and honor outstanding leaders who have made significant contributions to the science, technology, practice, education, management and advancement of thermal spraying. “The Hall of Fame is a bond between our industry’s past and its future,” said ASM Thermal Spray Society President Charles M. Kay, ASB Industries.

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Make plans now to attend Fabtech 2012 in Las Vegas November 12-14, 2012. Following are the Thermal Spray Conference Abstracts for review.

Design Considerations for Thermal Spray Coatings
KEYNOTE SPEAKER: Raymond J. Sinatra, Rolls Royce Corporation, Indianapolis, IN

Thermal Spraying is certainly a specialized process, but the end result (coating) has played a significant role in everyday industrial and commercial products around the globe. Coatings are used to change surface properties, improve product performance, extend service life and reclaim worn components back into service. A successful business model today must develop, test and bring to market a new product on a precise time line leaving little room for poor performance or re-engineering activity. This presentation will review some of the common design considerations needed for selecting a thermal spray coating and provide some typical examples of success and failure in the design process.

Cost Implications of Cascaded High Efficiency Plasma Spray Processes
Omar Sabouni, Sulzer Metco, Westbury, NY

Plasma spray coating costs are highly dependent on the rate of material deposition. As a consequence the power of plasma spray systems introduced into the market has consistently increased with time as a means of increasing deposition rates. Cascaded plasma spray technology has more recently shown the ability to increase deposition rates through increases in efficiency. Examples will show that by using material more efficiently and consuming less energy and other utilities, the cost of coating application can be significantly reduced.

Experimental Investigation of Ultra-Smooth Hardface Coatings Applied by Advanced HVOF Process
Xinqing Ma, Curtiss-Wright Surface Technologies, East Windsor, CT

Many industrial applications, such as landing gear, compressor blades, valves and gates, require the surface properties of high hardness, superior finishing and strong adhesion to provide satisfactory wear and erosion resistance and mechanical integrity. In this work, an improved HVOF process is developed and investigated for applying hardface coatings with near-net-shape and ultra smooth as-sprayed surface compared to those fabricated by a conventional HVOF process. This would provide a significant step forward in streamlining the manufacturing process and potentially cost.

Noise Abatement and Safety for HVAF and Cold Spray
Scott McLaughlin, McLaughlin & Associates Thermal Spray, Inc., Naperville, IL

Cold Spray, HVAF and Other High Noise Level Technologies Require New Approaches to Sound Abatement Safety. With the introduction of new technologies to thermal spray such as cold spray and High Velocity Air Fuel (HVAF), advanced noise abatement equipment and new techniques for sound control are necessary to protect
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worker safety. Both of these processes produce high levels of high frequency noise. High frequency noise presents unique challenges from a sound containment perspective. A basic technical discussion of sound wave profiles and how they relate to thermal spray will be included. New technologies for spray booth design which have been developed for cold spray and HVAF in order to keep noise levels at or below 85 dBA will be detailed. Special consideration must be given to wall panels, doors, windows and other opening such as overhead roof hatch access for cranes. The paper will also review basic noise safety considerations and noise abatement techniques for established processes including HVOF, plasma arc spray, electric wire arc and D-Gun™.

New Safety Control Methods to Meet the Global Needs of a Modern Thermal Spray Industry

Alex Thornton, Hardface Alloys, Inc., Placentia, CA

Each day an industry grows, its safety considerations become more and more prevalent. In thermal spray, we have the unique opportunity to be able to include factors from discrete points of concern in an easily defined safety protocol. This paper outlines the ways in which the modern development of robotic control systems provides an ideal platform to support a single-point, elegant logic process of managing a safety matrix practically unlimited in size. A thorough, well-established foundation using up-to-date technology is the only way to ensure that safety remains the number one priority.

Quality Thermal Spray

Jory Wright, Accuworth Industries, Gilbert, AZ

Thermal spray as a whole is one operation, but a closer look will reveal more than one step to insuring a quality outcome. This presentation will show how AWI has evolved as we understand and focus in on the quality that each step provides to the end product. As in all repair processes there are many variables that can contribute to the end product. How we control and minimize mistakes with these variables is what makes our company a leader in the industry.

Performance Comparison of Standard and Modified NiCrMo Alloy C HVOF Coatings, and Their Use as Alloy Matrix for Tungsten Carbide Composites

Robert A. Miller, Kennametal Stellite, Goshen, IN

NiCrMo alloys are commonly used for their exceptional resistance to highly corrosive service environments in the paper processing, chemical, petrochemical, and other industries. Corrosion can be a significant, costly, and time-consuming maintenance problem. Here, HVOF coatings of a modified Alloy C are compared with those of conventional Alloy C. The modified alloy exhibits significantly improved corrosion resistance and grind finishability over the conventional alloy. The addition of carbides, such as tungsten carbide, to improve wear performance is also discussed. Current and potential applications are also presented.

Thermal Spray and the Starving Artist

Dale Moody, Plasma Powders and Systems, Marlboro, NJ

Many artists and art restorers have developed or restored works that benefit from the unique properties provided by Thermal Spray operations. The Thermal Spray system of the artist may differ significantly from the system of a standard job-shop. For example, artists are usually not concerned with high production rates, automation and specialty coatings such as thermal barrier coatings and tungsten-carbide coatings. On the other hand, artists and art restorers are interested in systems that can lay down a fine, precise coating with good accuracy, one that is versatile, able to handle a variety of materials, and, as indicated by the title, one that fits within the budget of a starving artist. This paper presents a review of Thermal Spray in the world of art, discusses the various ways that Thermal Spray is being used for art and covers the requirements for a system specifically configured for the artist and the art restorer.

Make or Buy, Determining the Total Costs of Operating a Thermal Spray Facility

Daniel C. Hayden, Hayden Corporation, West Springfield, MA

Whether they feel deliveries aren’t fast enough, or the price for the product seems unnecessarily high, many regular consumers of thermal sprayed coatings consider the option of developing their own captive thermal spray capacity. Some even go so far as to get quotations for a gun or two and are encouraged enough to pursue the issue further. Very few, however, complete the project and take the project in-house. This presentation will discuss the fundamental requirements for a basic commercial thermal spray facility and the costs involved, in order to establish a realistic hurdle an OEM might need to meet in order to justify bringing thermal spray coating operations under their roof.

Thermal Spray Methods and Equipment – 1800s Through the 1930s

James Weber, Sulzer Chemtech USA, Houston, TX

Many people, when first learning about the thermal spray method, are often quite shocked when they are told that this method of applying coatings has been in use for over 100 years. While we in the thermal spray industry tend to focus on the latest thermal spray equipment technology, it is quite interesting to look back at the discoveries and application methods of the past. It is fascinating to see how far we have come and yet how close we still are to the roots and origins of thermal spray. This informative paper will discuss these early methods and compare them to some of their modern counterparts. Along with this paper there will be some actual examples of antique thermal spray equipment displayed.

Modeling of a Controller for a Thermal Spraying System

Igor Goltch, Nelson Mandela Metropolitan University, Port Elizabeth, South Africa

There are a number of thermal spraying systems, which are based on High Velocity Air Flame (HVAF) processes. Stable control of HVAF systems is difficult to achieve due to the complexity of the combustion process in a small burner and because of a number of varying process parameters. Therefore, modeling of a control of HVAF systems can provide useful information in optimizing the performance of a thermal spraying system. In this research, a basic model of a HVAF controller has been developed using Matlab/Simulink. The control model consists of sub-models of various stages and units of the control system, such as: air and fuel supply models, combustion model, burner and nozzle models. The developed model was applied and evaluated using a thermal spraying controller, which was developed previously. The obtained results indicate that the developed simplified model of HVAF controller provides the main required control parameters, the fuel-air ratio, which corresponds with the value used in the actual control of the thermal spraying system.
Robotic Laser Cladding
Thomas Peters, Sulzer Metco AG, Wohlen, Switzerland

A laser cladding system concept with similarities to thermal spray equipment solutions will be presented, combining a high-power laser, powder feeding equipment and a robot handling with a dedicated laser cladding system controller in a laser-safe housing.

Thermal Spray Lubricious Coatings
Satish Dixit, Plasma Technology, Torrance, CA

During the extreme conditions experienced in automotive and aerospace applications, oil-based lubricants break down at high temperatures. Under such conditions, conventional fluid lubricants either fail early or never are considered as an option. As a result, components of engines that are run at high temperatures to improve their fuel efficiency tend to wear rapidly and require replacement. One solution to extend bearing life is with the implementation of a low friction, high temperature stable, and low wear coatings to the component surface that can perform under extreme conditions. Solid lubricants exhibiting extreme and difficult running conditions. Although WS2, TaS2, and PTFE, they are limited in terms of their high temperature capabilities as well as their wear characteristics. Hence in this paper we propose novel thermal spray lubricious hard coatings. Different combinations of the plasma and HVOF sprayed Chrome carbide and lubricant materials are chosen and their composition, microstructure and high temperature wear characteristics are presented.

Corrosion and Protection Offered by a Dispersed Oxide Coating System
Dave J. Urevich, ArcMelt Company, Bridgeston, MO

It has been well documented that the use of municipal waste as fuel to produce steam in Waste-to-Energy (WTE) boilers causes severe corrosion on the internal surfaces in these environments. The current remedy for such corrosion problems has been the use of weld overlays containing Nickel and the oxide forming elements such as Aluminum and Chromium. Although in the past, weld overlays have proven beneficial in halting such corrosion, it now appears that the current operating conditions coupled with unique maintenance practices have placed exceedingly difficult demands on the weld overlay’s ability to mitigate corrosion. This paper, in cooperation with an industry leading producer of electricity using municipal waste as their primary fuel, will detail a two year corrosion study performed at a WTE facility known for its excessive corrosion problems. This study will present the operating conditions, maintenance practices, and the coating application technology used. The results of this study has provided us with insights on the many different scenarios that are capable of causing corrosion and the protection that is offered by a Dispersed Oxide coating system.

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A New Arc Spray Amorphous Alloy for Wear Applications
Bob Unger, Polymet Corporation, Cincinnati, OH

Cored wire technology for thermal spraying allows the use of unique alloys that are not available in solid wire form. This paper discusses new developments in cored wires for thermal spraying including amorphous, nano and self fluxing alloys. A discussion of successful applications for these alloys is included.

Capability of Combined Thermal Spray and Laser Coating Centers to Improve Production Efficiency
Alan Burgess, SprayWerx Technologies, North Vancouver, British Columbia

Novel coating centers permit control of both thermal spray and laser based surface treatment processes. Laser cladding production rates and efficiencies can be improved with the incorporation of substrate and feed stock material preheating techniques. The benefit of these techniques to the basic laser cladding process are presented and evaluated in relation to their impact on industrial production. Industrial applications including, hydraulic pistons, excavation tools, ball valves, drive shafts, continuous casting copper molds and pot rolls for continuous galvanizing lines in steel mills, are used to demonstrate this modified laser cladding processes in combination with thermal spray processes.

Recent Advances in Materials and New Industries Entering the Thermal Spray Field – Thermal Spray Equipment for Use in These Industries and Applications
Robert Gansert, Advanced Materials and Technology Services, Simi Valley, CA

Advances in materials along with newer industries joining the thermal spray field occur every several years. This talk will briefly discuss the class of ultrafine and near-nano grained materials entering the thermal spray industry. Thermal sprayed coatings produced from ultrafine and near-nano grained powders provide improved properties as compared to conventional (micron size) powders. These materials show significant potential for many industry applications (aerospace, oil and gas, industrial gas turbine). Sintered (SPS) ultrafine and near-nano light alloys (Al-, titanium-based) will be discussed as well as high velocity oxygen-fuel (HVOF) sprayed WC-Co-Cr and WC-Co carbides. Several industries have made a notable contribution to the thermal spray industry over the past several years. A brief review of one of these, the electronics industry entering the thermal spray industry will be discussed.

And lastly, with the advancements in materials and industries, we see the advancements in equipment(s) and operations in supporting the higher requirements required by these industries. This ranges from mass-flow controlled equipment- to robotics, to vacuum plasma spray chamber usage in solar, electronics, and semiconductor applications to meet high purity (e.g., low oxygen, phase stability) requirements of these coatings.

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“We are making a significant investment in the new UK manufacturing plant to allow us to service our European customer base more effectively,” states Rick Kreczmer, European sales director for Camfil Farr APC. “We will be able to supply products fast while still giving customers exactly what they require for their individual applications: quality dust collection equipment, fabricated to their needs and shipped on time. We intend to meet and exceed customer expectations.”

Company president Lee Morgan adds: “Camfil Farr APC has grown into a global dust collection company over the past five years, with our most dramatic growth in the UK and European industrial markets. This strategically located
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On September 27, Plasma Powders and Systems will make a presentation entitled Thermal Spray: the Cap and Gown of Green Technology. It will provide a three-part introduction into Thermal Spray starting with a summary of the various applications which will be followed by a summary of processes used. Finally, a discussion will focus on how to specify a Thermal Spray operation to insure the desired results.

Attendees will understand the basics of Thermal Spray, along with examples. They will also learn how to specify Thermal Spray.

The presenter is Don Potenza, West Coast Representative, Environmental Specialist, Plasma Powders and Systems. For more information, contact Dale Moody DaleRMoody@aol.com or visit the College website www.green-technology.org/ccsummit/education-program.html.

Free DIN Standards Poster

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Ellison Surface Technologies Announces Plans for Mexico

Ellison Surface Technologies, Inc (EST) announced plans to open a new thermal spray coating and special process facility in Sonora, a state located in the northwestern region of Mexico. The announcement was made official at a special ceremony at the Farnborough International Air Show. The Ellison facility in Mexico is expected to be in production by the end of 2013.

“We are excited to be a part of the Farnborough Air Show and to utilize this great event as a platform for announcing our plans to open a new facility in Mexico,” said C. Michael Ellison, President and CEO of Ellison Surface Technologies. “The Mexican expansion is a principal part of our long-term strategic initiatives and we look forward to being an integral part of the growing aerospace and industrial gas turbine manufacturing cluster in Sonora.”

Participating in the ceremony alongside executives from Ellison Surface Technologies were representatives from the State of Sonora and Federal government of Mexico. Mr. Moises Gomez Reyna, Secretary of Economy for the State of Sonora stated, “The investment of Ellison marks a significant expansion of Sonora’s capabilities in aero-engine and industrial gas turbine component manufacturing. The highly complex coating processes to be performed by Ellison will unlock significant new business opportunities for our aerospace machining companies and will open the door to new investments in the area.”

About Ellison Surface Technologies: Founded in 1986 in Hebron, Kentucky, Ellison Surface Technologies is an expert provider of thermal spray coating and special processes to many of the world’s largest manufacturers of aircraft engine and industrial gas turbine components. Headquartered in the northern suburbs of Cincinnati, EST operates coating facilities across the United States and in Canada.

For more information, contact Eric Dolby, Marketing Manager via email edolby@ellisonsurfacetech.com

FW Gartner Thermal Spraying Ltd Receives ISO9001 Accreditation

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Praxair Surface Technologies Enters Long-Term Agreement with Heroux-Devtek for Coatings of Airframe Components

Praxair Surface Technologies, Inc., a wholly-owned subsidiary of Praxair, Inc. (NYSE: PX), recently announced the signing of a multi-year sourcing agreement with Héroux-Devtek Inc. (TSX: HRX), a leading Canadian manufacturer of aerospace and industrial products, for the application of high-performance surface coatings for airframe components. The agreement initially covers coating support for two specific airframe component programs.

Under terms of the agreement, Praxair will apply SermTeTel® coating products to Messier-Bugatti-Dowty landing gear components for the Bombardier Global Express long-range business jet and components for the Airbus A330 and A340 wide-body commercial jetliners.

“We are pleased to be entering into a long-term agreement with Héroux-Devtek that allows us to play an extended role in serving its landing gear product lines,” said Freddie Sarhan, director of Canadian Operations for Praxair Surface Technologies. “This relationship is reflective of our ability to provide consistent quality coatings from our extensive global plant network.”

“Héroux-Devtek looks forward to furthering its relationship with Praxair Surface Technologies who has positioned itself as a trusted global source of high-quality surface coatings to the aviation industry,” said Martin Richard, director, Supply Chain Héroux-Devtek Landing Gear division.

About Héroux-Devtek Inc.

Héroux-Devtek Inc., a Canadian company, serves two main market segments: Aerospace and Industrial Products, specializing in the design, development, manufacture and repair and overhaul of related systems and components. Héroux-Devtek Inc. supplies both the commercial and military sectors of the Aerospace segment with landing gear systems and airframe structural components. The Corporation also supplies the industrial segment with large components for power generation equipment and precision components for other industrial Applications. Approximately 70% of the Corporation’s sales are outside Canada, mainly in the United States. The Corporation’s head office is located in Longueuil, Québec with facilities in the Greater Montreal area (Longueuil, Dorval, Laval and St-Hubert); Kitchener and Toronto, Ontario; Arlington, Texas; Springfield, Cleveland and Cincinnati, Ohio; as well as Querétaro, Mexico. More information on Héroux-Devtek is available at www.herouxdevtek.com.

About Praxair Surface Technologies, Inc.

Praxair Surface Technologies offers a comprehensive slate of high-performance coatings and technologies to the aviation, energy, and other industries. By continuously advancing coatings technologies, Praxair Surface Technologies helps customers improve environmental performance, decrease energy consumption, extend component life, improve productivity, minimize downtime, reduce operating costs, and produce higher quality products.

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Offshore Oil Platform Protected by Thermal Spray

Metallisation customer, Gardwell Coatings Limited, based in East Anglia, has applied Thermal Sprayed Aluminium to an offshore oil platform to protect the structure from corrosion, using Metallisation MK73 flame spray equipment.

The offshore oil platform has been designed and constructed by SLP Engineering, the UK’s most experienced EP(1)C company. SLP commissioned Gardwell Coatings to thermal spray the structure, which will be erected in the North Sea oilfields later this year. Gardwell Coatings is one of the largest blasting companies in the UK and was established to service the oil and gas industry.

The offshore platform is a three-leg tubular steel Jacket weighing around 436 tons, with the topsides weighing around 345 tons. The centre core of the jacket is 88.91 ft (27.1m) long with three, 3.28 ft (1m) diameter main tubular columns. The insides of the columns were thermal sprayed with 0.0098-0.0157 in (250 – 400 µ) of aluminium, sealed with an epoxy sealer. Around two thirds of the external surface of the columns, which will be in the splash zone and exposed to the harsh North Sea, were thermal sprayed to the same thickness, sealed with epoxy sealer and top coated with a PU topcoat. In addition, a number of stainless steel parts and riser pipes have also been thermal sprayed and sealed. In total, around 4,843 sq ft (450 sq m) of the centre core has been thermal sprayed.

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The top section and the platform’s support braces were also thermal sprayed, sealed and top coated with PU, totalling another 5,381 sq ft (500 sq m). Once the centre core and top section were welded together, the weld joints were also thermal sprayed, sealed and top coated to complete the task and ensure all sections have been protected.

Gardwell Coatings completed the thermal spraying process on site at the SLP Engineering site in Lowestoft using the Metallisation MK73 system. Gardwell Coatings recently purchased an additional three MK73 systems with long supplies packs. With the longer supplies pack, up to 50m from the gas bottles to the pistol, the operators have the flexibility to freely move around the large jacket structure without moving the gas supplies, greatly increasing productivity. The team generally used five pistols on the job at any one time and sprayed an average of around 1,076 sq ft (100 sq m) thermal spray applications a day. Given the complexity of the job, which included the internal coating of the 3.28 ft (1m) diameter tubular sections, this production rate is quite an achievement.

Prior to thermal spraying the platform surfaces, each section was grit blasted overnight ready to be sprayed during the day. The spraying chamber was maintained at a controlled temperature with up to 2.2 million BTU of heating available to ensure optimum quality of the coating. By applying thermal spray aluminium the platform has a predicted life to first maintenance in excess of 20 years, even in the harsh environment that is the North Sea oilfields.

Chris Green, Operations Manager at Gardwell Coatings, says: “Metallisation offers good product support and the equipment has allowed us to deliver a higher than anticipated production rate, which is pretty good considering the complexity of the job. The efficiency of the MK73 has allowed us to exceed the expectations of our customer SLP for the coating timescales. Overall I’m pleased with the outcome of this project.”

Metallisation’s MK73 Flamespray gun represents a breakthrough in anti-corrosion spraying. With a choice of continuous or stop/start nozzles and a combination of the spray head, pilot assembly and a high power air motor drive, it is one of the fastest and most reliable systems in existence.

The MK73 system is also fitted with a spreader attachment to the spray head. This spreader assists the operator to produce a more evenly distributed coating, which improves efficiency and reduces the potential for touch-up reworks to be done.

Thermal spraying involves the projection of small molten particles onto a blast prepared surface. Upon contact, the particles flatten onto the surface, freeze and mechanically bond, firstly onto the blasted substrate and then on to each other, as the coating thickness is increased. To create the molten particles, a heat source, a spray material and an atomisation/projection method are required.

In the Flamespray process a wire is fed by a driven roller system through the centre of an oxygen-fuel gas flame where it is melted. An annular air nozzle then applies a jet of high-pressure air, which atomises and projects the molten material, in this case aluminium, onto the platform’s surface. Typical bond strengths for flame sprayed aluminium are around 725-1015 psi (5-7 MPa), although with careful preparation and quality spraying procedures, this figure can be exceeded.

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For more information, please contact Lucy Williams, Wall Colmonoy, Marketing Manager, Europe at lucywilliams@wallcolmonoy.co.uk

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Camfil Farr APC has introduced a new spark arrestor that provides superior protection to its Gold Series® cartridge dust and fume collection systems. The new spark arrestor works without perforations or screens to take control of sparks and channel them away from the filters and into the dust collector’s hopper, reducing the chance of fire.

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The new spark arrestor is offered as an option on new or existing Gold Series dust collectors.

For product information, visit website www.farrapc.com/products/gold-series/spark-arrestor.

For general company information in the United States and Canada, contact Camfil Farr APC at (800) 479-6801 or (870) 933-8048; e-mail filterman@farrapc.com; web www.farrapc.com.

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**Thermal Spray Technologies, Inc. Announces Dynamic New You Tube Station**

Thermal Spray Technologies, Inc. (TST, Inc.) is pleased to announce the recent launch of their YouTube channel at www.youtube.com/user/TSTCoatings.

TST, Inc. is using the channel as a vehicle for sharing a number of videos that highlight the company’s various coating technologies. Video topics on the site include “Flame Sprayed Coating”, “Electric Arc Spray”, “Plasma Spray”, and “HVOF and Carbide Coatings”. The channel also provides an outlet for sharing exciting videos of recent events, activities, and press worthy announcements such as visits from Wisconsin Governor Scott Walker.

The technology used at TST, Inc. provides dynamic and intriguing subject matter for use in video development. Viewers have the opportunity to gain a better understanding of the unique processes involved in custom spraying and coating work.

TST, Inc. has integrated a social sharing link on their website that serves as a conduit to their YouTube page; encouraging customers and other interested parties to learn more about the company’s spray coating technologies and applications.

**About Thermal Spray Technologies, Inc.**

Thermal Spray Technologies, Inc. specializes in custom coating solutions using leading edge technology and equipment for electric arc spraying, flame sprayed coatings, plasma spraying, and high velocity oxy fuel (HVOF) coatings. The company offers coating solutions that are guaranteed to meet the engineered surface requirements that must be met for each and every unique application. With more than 13 thermal spray cells in their 40,000 sq ft, state-of-the-art facility, TST, Inc. can provide engineered coatings for any volume of production.

Thermal Spray Technologies, Inc. provides innovative coating solutions to meet the needs of companies across a variety of industries. From medical instruments to aerospace components, TST Inc. ensures enhanced performance and increased usable life for any coated products. The company practices environmental stewardship with 100% recycling of all waste materials and can provide finishing capabilities that include cylindrical grinding, super finishing, and lapping.

TST Inc. is proud to collaborate with the University of Wisconsin Madison for research and technology development.

The company’s manufacturing facility is located in Sun Prairie, Wisconsin. **More information** about Thermal Spray Technologies, Inc. is available online at www.tstcoatings.com or by calling 608-825-2772.

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A company-member association, ITSA invites all interested companies to talk with our officers, and company representatives to better understand member benefits. A complete list of ITSA member companies and their representatives can be found at www.thermalspray.org

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In April 2000, the International Thermal Spray Association announced the establishment of a Thermal Spray Historical Collection which is now on display at their headquarters office in Fairport Harbor, OH and the State University of New York at Stony Brook in the Thermal Spray Research Center, USA.

Growing in size and value, there are now over 30 different spray guns and miscellaneous equipment, a variety of spray gun manuals, hundreds of photographs, and several historic thermal spray publications and reference books.

Future plans include a virtual tour of the collection on the ITSA website for the entire global community to visit.

This is a worldwide industry collection and we welcome donations from the entire thermal spray community.

**ITSA SPAYTIME Newsletter**

Since 1992, the International Thermal Spray Association has been publishing the SPAYTIME newsletter for the thermal spray industry. The mission is to be the flagship thermal spray industry newsletter providing company, event, people, product, research, and membership news of interest to industrial leaders, engineers, researchers, scholars, policy-makers, and the public thermal spray community.

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**New - All ITSA company members are now also Supporting Members of the American Welding Society.**

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The most valuable member asset is our annual membership meetings where the networking is priceless! Our meetings provide a mutually rewarding experience for all attendees - both business and personal. Our one-day technical program and half-day business meeting balanced by social activities provide numerous opportunities to discuss the needs and practices of thermal spray equipment and processes with one another.

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NEW “Supporting Societies” Membership
The International Thermal Spray Association is pleased to announce a new “Supporting Societies” membership category to establish communication with other associations/societies involved in thermal spray and surface engineering activities worldwide. See the Supporting Societies listing on page 21. This is ideal for membership exchange between organizations. Contact Kathy Dusa at the headquarters office via email to itsa@thermalspray.org

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International Thermal spray Association Welcomes New Member
Southwest United Industries, Inc. has joined the International Thermal Spray Association.
Southwest United Industries was established in 1953. Today it is an industry leader in providing complete metal finishing services as well as aviation component repair and overhaul from its 130,000 sq ft facilities in Tulsa and 30,000 sq ft facilities in Oklahoma City.

Southwest primarily serves the Aerospace and Defense industries but also supports the medical, oil and gas, and general industrial base as well. Their services include chrome, cadmium and nickel plating; plasma and HVOF thermal spray coating; hard, chromic, boric and sulfuric anodizing, including chemical conversion coating; all types of painting, including dry film lube and Teflon; non-destructive testing; shot peening; all types of precision grinding including OD, ID, surface, spherical and super-finishing.

Southwest maintains NADCAP accreditation for all processes as well as an extensive list of customer specific approvals including Boeing, Lockheed Martin, Bell Helicopter, Northrop Grumman, Goodrich, Messier-Dowty, Gulfstream, Bombardier, Embraer, Honeywell, Parker and Cessna.

Southwest has a highly skilled team of coating and production engineers along with an outstanding support staff together having many hundreds of years of experience. Southwest, through these fine people, offer unrivaled quality and service. Southwest United is committed to continuous improvement in order to provide our customers with improved coatings solutions while reducing the costs and lead time.

For more information, contact ITSA company representative Bill Emery via email aandoe@swunited.com and visit www.swunited.com

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Join the International Thermal Spray Association at the Fabtech Thermal Spray Pavilion this year in Las Vegas, NV November 12-14, 2012.

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As a result of discussions at the International Zinc Association (IZA) meetings during the first half of 2012, IZA is now prepared to offer companies the opportunity to join the Zinc Thermal Spraying Development Program.

It was agreed in the May 14 meeting in Munich that work should be limited to the following two tasks: 1. Double the European market for Zn thermal sprayed coatings, focusing at first on corrosion protection for offshore windmill applications by developing a common marketing platform for all program members; 2. Raise awareness of the benefits of Zn thermal spraying in other regions, especially China and North America, contributing to global market growth.

To join the Program or get more information, please contact the International Zinc Association, Avenue de Tervueren 168, Box 4; B-1150 Brussels, Belgium; Tel: +32.2.776.0070 Fax: +32.2.776.0089; email: contact@zinc.org, website: http://www.zinc.org

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ASB Industries Receives FAA Repair Station Certification for Magnesium Gear Box Components

ASB Industries, Barberton, Ohio, announces that its High-Pressure Cold Spray R&D efforts enabled the company to achieve FAA Repair Station Certification. Research in fundamental physics and science was the basis for development of advanced rebuilding techniques for economically reclaiming structurally sound magnesium gear box components in rotorcraft and other aerospace equipment.

ASB Industries equipment and material development was necessary for FAA inspectors to understand and accept the Cold Spray process as a viable repair method. European and Australian companies have embraced the process for military aircraft, because it has proven to be an exceptional repair method due to material purity, bond strength, and fundamental material properties.

The Air Agency Certificate issued from the United States of America Department of Transportation Federal Aviation Administration on June 1st, 2012. Certificate Number: 4SRB037C

One of their customers, Sikorsky Aircraft, has approved ASB for critical component repair. Sikorsky also notes the leadership of ASB Industries in developing and proving the process and procedures for valuable gear box repair.

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ASB Industries dedicated high pressure cold spray booths offer the most up-to-date hardware and software to provide the highest quality coating solutions and meet unique material requirements. Each large, enclosed spray area has robotic, rotating equipment to fixture unique part configurations, along with surface preparation and inspection equipment and a closed-circuit viewing system.

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LENIEUM GS is approved by Boeing (PSD 6-68), Bell Helicopter (Bulletin No: 1919), Praxair (ID# GDE 10056434) and Scott Aviation (SMP No. 770009 Rev AP) for cleaning components.

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PT-MAT Moves To 9000 sq ft Facility

PT-MAT announces their move to a 9000 sq ft facility in the Woodlands, North Houston, Texas area.

Less than six months after the company was created, sales and manufacturing needs required additional space for warehousing, powder handling space, a light fabrication/assembly area for PTA and other automated welding equipment.

Near future plans include a materials lab and a welding lab with automation and robotics to develop new coatings and process control.

“We are already engaged in several new developments for improved coatings in oil drilling applications” states Jean-Marc Tetevide, general manager.

The new facility will allow PT-MAT to handle powders for PTA welding, laser cladding and thermal spray in a quality controlled environment.

Inventory being held includes hardfacing GMAW wires tungsten carbide based wires, Laser and PTA welding powders, diamond abrasive discs, PTA equipment and torches spare parts.

For more information, contact Jean-Marc Tetevide, Plasma Technology Automation and Material, office 1-855-PTMATL, cell 281-702-0210

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K.J. Hollis, M.E. Hawley, and P.O. Dickerson

Zirconium (Zr) metal is of interest for chemical corrosion protection and nuclear reactor core applications. Inert chamber plasma spraying has been used to produce thin Zr coatings on stainless steel (SS) substrates. The coatings were deposited while using transferred arc (TA) cleaning/heating at five different current levels. In order to better understand thermal diffusion governed processes, the coating porosity, grain size and interdiffusion with the substrate were measured as a function of TA current. Low porosity (3.5 to <0.5%), recrystallization with fine equiaxed grain size (3-8 µm diameter) and varying elemental diffusion distance (0-50 µm) from the coating-substrate interface were observed. In addition, the coatings were low in oxygen content compared to the wrought SS substrates. The Zr coatings sprayed under these conditions look promising for highly demanding applications.

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**Element Materials Technology Acquires Detroit Testing Laboratory**

Element Materials Technology today announces the acquisition of Materials Engineering Research Laboratory Limited (MERL) headquartered in Hitchin, Hertfordshire, UK. The addition of MERL and its world-class reputation for the evaluation, analysis and testing of polymeric materials, components and structures is further evidence of Elements resolve to providing industry-leading service for the growing implementation of non-metallics.

“I’m very pleased to announce this addition emphasizing our continued commitment to reinforce our service offering of quality-critical polymer and composite testing in multiple industries,” said Charles Noall, President and CEO of Element.

Founded in 1986, MERL has developed into an independent company with thousands of international clients throughout the oil and gas, aerospace, and land transportation sectors. Their range of projects include ensuring the safe and reliable use of materials in offshore oil and gas exploration, new polymer material for heart valves, and composite materials in aircraft structures.

“We are delighted to join Element,” said Dr. Rod Martin, CEO of MERL Ltd. “Not only will this allow us to give our existing clients a much wider technology offering, it also presents MERL staff with greater opportunities to broaden their skills working closely with Element laboratories throughout the United States and Europe.”

MERL’s four-laboratory campus is fully-equipped and staffed by 35 employees with expertise covering the safe and reliable use of elastomers, composites, adhesives and thermoplastics. Nearly half of their staff hold a PhD or decades of R&D experience.

“Bringing MERL’s expertise into the Element fold will further expand our capabilities and capacity for servicing a growing demand for non-metallics, both in established and emerging sectors,” said Noall.

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**Kevin Nolan Appointed European Managing Director for Wall Colmonoy**

After 44 years under the successful management of Norman Allnatt, who retired earlier this month, Wall Colmonoy’s European Headquarters in Pontardawe, Wales has appointed Kevin Nolan as their new Managing Director. Kevin is an experienced Managing Director with over thirty years in employment across industries including automotive, aerospace, gas turbine and domestic appliance.

Kevin joins us after thirteen years with the Doncasters Group. His positions there included managing director of the Turbine Airfoils Division in Worcestershire, U.K. and vice president of six fabrication and combustor plants, one of which was based in Southern California where Kevin resided for two years with his family.

His career began in 1983, with Kigass Engineering.

Kevin said of his new appointment, “I am pleased to find I have joined a company that has sustained its growth aspirations throughout a recessionary period. I am looking to build on the excellent footprint that has been built here over many years; paying particular attention to winning new business that matches Wall Colmonoy’s core competencies whilst also focusing on operational excellence.”

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