

Imperial Rubber Products, Inc. Hires Stephen Huff as Technical Director

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Recognized industry expert to focus on customer collaboration, new products

CHINO, California – (February 26, 2007) – Imperial Rubber Products, which manufactures and reconditions rollers for industrial converters, manufacturers and commercial printers, today announced the hiring of Stephen Huff as its Technical Director. "This continues the expansion of our technical capabilities," explained Ron Hill, President and CEO of Imperial. "Steve is widely recognized as a technical authority in the roller industry and will add tremendous value to our collaborations with customers and new product development efforts."

Mr. Huff holds two engineering degrees, a BA in Engineering Physics from Westmont College in Santa Barbara and a BS in Manufacturing Engineering from California State Polytechnic University, Pomona. He holds domestic and international patents in his field, and has extensive experience in coating and process development.



Stephen Huff Technical Director

In his new role, Mr. Huff will be responsible for ensuring that the company has a thorough understanding of customer

applications and technical requirements reflected in all its processes. He will also be the technical voice of Imperial, continuing his track-record of delivering highly-rated technical presentations at industry conferences. His recent presentations, including at AIMCAL (the international Association of Industrial Metallizers, Coaters and Laminators), have focused on topics that help users (Imperial's customers):

- Choose the Proper Rubber Roller Technology to Improve Their Processes
- Determine That They Have the Right Cover for Their Roller, and
- Properly Specify Rubber Rollers

Mr. Huff commented, "Joining Imperial is a great opportunity for me to be on a very strong team in a company that's growing and committed to doing more. They have a well-deserved reputation for integrity and superior customer service, and I look forward to leading the effort to continue expanding the company's technical capabilities."

About Imperial Rubber Products, Inc.

Based in Chino, California, Imperial Rubber focuses on manufacturing and reconditioning rollers. These precision products are used by printers, converters and manufacturers to convert, coat, paint, emboss, laminate, and squeegee. These companies typically work with primary materials such as paper, plastic, steel, aluminum, wood, glass, non-wovens, and textiles.

The company offers considerable product development and custom capabilities, fashioning rollers in a wide array of materials including rubber, polyurethane, silicone, nylon, Teflon[™], Rilsan[™], chrome, and copper.

Imperial serves customers with west coast and national footprints. The company's facilities include its headquarters and main manufacturing facility in Chino, California; a depot with local support in Sacramento, California; sales and support offices in Phoenix, Arizona and Portland, Oregon; and a fleet of local and long-haul trucks.

The company focuses on serving customers who use their rolls in the most demanding applications, where attention to quality matters the most.

Imperial Rubber was founded in 1989. It is privately held and owned by operating management. Additional information is available at <u>www.imperialrubber.com</u>.

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