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Experience Summary

Technical leader with a strong customer focus and broad experience in delivering advanced technology products and state-of-the-art technical services to operating groups in the petroleum industry.

Professional Experience:

Home Run Specialty Chemicals, Inc. (HRSC): **June 26, 2013 – present**

Chief Technology Officer & Technical Vice President

- *Co-founded HRSC with Mr. W. M. Ranshaw in 2009*
- *Am developing the HRSC specialty additives product lines for drilling, completion, stimulation, and production, including emulsifiers, non-emulsifiers, and EB's.*
- *HRSC is currently attempting to market my latest provisional patent applications in the areas of flow assurance / recovery of fresh water from brackish and sea waters in desert areas.*

WellChem Technologies (formerly Corsicana Technologies): **Apr. 11, 2013 – June 26, 2013**

Patent & External Technologies Manager

Corsicana Technologies, Inc. (formerly Champion Technologies, Special Products Div.):

Group Leader III

Jan. 1, 2011 – Apr. 10, 2013

- *Led a small research team in developing new specialty additives for wellbore construction – drilling, displacement, completion, work-over, well testing, etc. Expanded product line from 14 products to 49. Participated in the first-time sales of several new products.*

Special Products Division of Champion Technologies, Inc.:

2009 – 2011

Technical Marketing Advisor

- *Served as liaison between operating groups in the petroleum industry and Champion Technologies R&D. Proved to management that R&D was focusing almost entirely on very short-term projects, only a very little on medium-term, and not at all on longer-term.*

M-I SWACO : 1999 - 2009

Senior R&D Advisor

- *Led a small research team in developing new RDF and completion fluids products. Much of this work is confidential and cannot be detailed at this time. Co-developed and published “THIOCYANARA”, a group of brine reclamation products for preventing stress corrosion cracking in high strength CRA's by eliminating thiocyanates and oxidizers from reclaimed completion brines. Developed a new, non-biopolymer-based RDF, DIPRO, covering the 11.5 to 17.5 ppg density range. Developed and patented the general solution to the problem of how to stabilize viscoelastic surfactant systems in 8.4 to 13.5 ppg brines at temperatures beyond 300°F.*

OSCA : 1995 – 1999

Technical Services Manager

- *In support of OSCA's dynamic GoM boat-based frac-packing venture, co-invented, developed, and commercialized a key new product, VISCOFLEX, a non-polymer viscoelastic vesicular emulsion-based system which has stability to 300°F, very low leak-off through micellar bridging, and excellent proppant pack clean-up (100% regained conductivity). Increased the Technical Services Department's annual production of new products from 1 to 16. Justified, recruited and hired personnel, expanding Technical Services from four exempt and one non-exempt to six exempt, six non-exempt.*

Texaco : 1990 – 1995

Senior Research Associate

- *Developed a neural-network-based objective rapid surfactant screening process for CO₂-foams. The screening process cuts surfactant evaluation effort by at least 50%, saving annually \$ 200,000. Collaborated with Professor S. O. Colgate (U. of Florida) in organizing an oil industry consortium to pursue acoustic resonance research. Together developed an acoustic PVT apparatus which can be operated safely beyond 100,000 psi.*

OXY USA : 1985 – 1990

EOR Supervisor

- *Led technical support team for chemical, miscible, and thermal EOR field projects.*
 - *Through the team's efforts, augmented one field's value to OXY by reducing net present cost of CO₂ by \$ 27,000,000.*
 - *CO₂/Foam Technology Transfer:*
 - *Developed oil- and brine-tolerant foaming agents capable of propagating deep through hot, low-pH, sandstone reservoirs;*
 - *Convinced a Unit Production Manager that successful field trials to improve CO₂ sweep efficiency were likely;*
 - *Persuaded vendors to provide chemicals worth \$60,000;*
 - *Collaborated with Unit Engineering on candidate pattern selection;*
 - *Led the on-site work at three patterns in the Unit; and*
 - *Drove & supervised a portable laboratory, providing data-logging, and chemical and data analyses.*

BP America (Formerly Sohio Petroleum) : 1982 – 1985

Group Leader II, Miscible Flooding and Fluid Properties

- *Created, staffed, and supervised a group of eleven advanced-degreed engineers, physicists, and chemists – experimentalists and theoreticians – working in miscible flood EOR and reservoir fluid properties. These eleven included eight with Ph.D.'s and three with Master's and extensive experience. Initiated physical pseudo-component VLE analysis through head-space gas chromatography.*

Phillips Petroleum : 1975 – 1982

Senior Research Chemist

- *Reduced leach chemical costs from \$3/T to \$2/T, saving annually \$ 900,000. To do this, faced the challenge of a particularly refractory uranium ore and a logical, authoritative, published, and peer-reviewed theory explaining why the ore was so refractory. Carried out definitive experiments which disproved the published theory and led to a successful alternative approach.*

Louisiana State University : 1971 – 1975

Assistant Professor of Chemistry and Physics

- *While teaching lower division courses in Chemistry and Physics, conceived and drafted a grant proposal for a Computer Science program. Successfully lobbied proposal through the LSU Foundation. Taught the course, which became the third most demanded course on campus and eventually grew into a complete bachelor's degree program.*

Concurrent Positions

Rice University : 1973 – 1975

Post-doctoral Fellow in Chemistry

- *Researched ion-molecule reactions and gaseous ionic equilibria in CO, NO, and NO₂.*

Research

- Flow assurance
- Recovery of fresh water from hydraulic fracturing flow-back brines, seawater, recyclable “gray” waters on extended space flights
- Completion fluid product development
- Reservoir drilling fluid product development
- Formate brine physical and thermophysical properties
- Enhanced oil recovery
- Miscible- and CO₂-flooding school instructor
- Alternative fuels
- Uranium extraction and refining
- Aqueous ionic / polyelectrolytic equilibria
- Reactions of non-aqueous polyelectrolytes
- Thermo-physical properties of mixtures
- Phase equilibria
- Gaseous ionic kinetics and equilibria
- Ion-molecule reactions
- Ion-molecule reaction mechanisms and reaction kinetics

Memberships

- Society of Petroleum Engineers (SPE)
- American Association of Drilling and Completion Engineers (AADE)
- NACE International
- Sigma Xi (Research Society of North America) (ΣΞ)
- American Chemical Society (ACS)
- Rice Alumni Volunteers for Admissions to Rice University (RAVA)
- Gas Processors Association (GPA)
- GPA Phase Equilibrium Steering Committee
- Canadian Institute of Mining (CIM)
- Society of Mining Engineers (SME)

Patents and Other Publications

- Seventy-eight in number; please see the addendum, "Patents and Other Publications".

Education

- University California Berkeley, Ph.D. (chemistry)
- Rice University, BA *cum laude*

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