



Chris Wilson

Manager and then finally appointed to Director of Engineering for a global leader in the material testing equipment industry. He provides 23 years of senior leadership in all aspects of technical and manufacturing operations.

With deep experience as a technical and manufacturing manager, Mr. Wilson will complement G.W. Becker, Inc.'s existing executive team as the company continues to focus on expanding its North America customer base and strive to improve its excellent customer service by streamlining processes. "My goal is to provide leadership to the G.W. Becker Operation's team as we establish the processes and controls needed to maintain our excellent quality and customer service while experiencing significant sales growth." states Mr. Wilson.

Mr. Wilson will work closely with most departments at G.W. Becker, Inc. to consistently address and promote efficiency, safety and quality within production.

Mr. Wilson's primary role is to support the overall company goal of great customer service and quality. His business acumen, proven track record in solving complex business and end-user problems, and ability to lead product technical direction, product quality and safety makes him a perfect match for G.W. Becker, Inc. and our valued customers.

### UK Industry Growth - Petersen Stainless Rigging expand into the American Market

UK based stainless steel manufacturer Petersen Stainless Rigging & Aerospace is broadening its horizons by expanding into the US market.

The company has opened a US based subsidiary in order to grow its presence in North America and appointed a General Manager of US operations. Vernon Hultzer will take on the new role, hoping to continue the company's growth and better position it for future expansion.

Vernon is making the move to Petersen Stainless after 15 years as General Manager of Wichard Inc. He brings a wealth of sales and marketing management experience to the company, gained from working in various industrial, aerospace and marine markets. Vernon has a degree in Mechanical Engineering and a strong background in product design and development, which will serve him well in his new position at Petersen.

"I'm extremely excited about this position," said Vernon Hultzer. "Given Petersen's high level of technical



Vernon Hultzer

know-how and the strength gained through its internal product quality/proof load certification, it provides an excellent base for growth in several key industries within the North America market. - I know we will do great things at Petersen Stainless Rigging & Aerospace."

Petersen Stainless Rigging & Aerospace, will set up its subsidiary, warehouse and offices in the State of Maryland, which is a central location for effective product distribution.

Petersen Stainless Rigging & Aerospace manufacture stainless steel for use in the marine, lifting, architectural and aerospace industries. Their main office and factory is located in Blaydon on Tyne in the North East of England, with other offices operating in Sweden, The Netherlands, and Malaysia. The company's expansion into the US market marks an integral and exciting step

for Petersen, who aim to become a truly global company, providing high quality stainless steel to customers from around the world. ■

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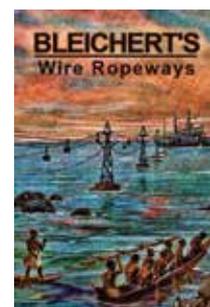
establish a school which would train young people for mechanical trades. Boynton's offer was made on the condition that the people of Worcester provide the land and buildings for a school. Seth Sweetser and Emory Washburn, who Boynton approached, broadened the aim of the school to provide an "industrial education."

It was Ichabod Washburn, who received a letter from the original committee set up to solicit money and land to build the school, who insisted that this industrial education have a strong practical component. To that end, he offered to build and equip a machine shop for the school. Mr. Washburn died December 30, 1868, before the shops were completed, but his will provided for their completion.

Unique in having perhaps the world's only mascot called "The Ichabod," Washburn University, in Kansas, was originally established as Lincoln College, in 1865. After Ichabod Washburn made a \$25,000 gift to the struggling college, in 1868, trustees voted to change the name to Washburn College. "The Ichabod," the school's mascot, existed in name only until 1938 when alumnus (and later prominent graphic artist) Bradbury Thompson, created the studious-looking, tailcoat-clad figure the university uses today. The athletic teams use "the Ichabods" nickname. [WIKI](#)

In 1924, Germany's 'Adolf Bleichert & Co.' celebrated its 50th Anniversary. By the time of this occasion, the company had designed and built the world's record holding wire ropeways: Longest and highest elevation (Argentina); Length of system over water (New Caledonia); Steepest (Tanzania); Highest capacity (France); Northernmost (Norway); and, Southernmost (Chile).

Written by the great-great grandson of the company's founder, this book includes over 100 pictures and detailed engineering drawings that



explore the legendary company's history, and several of its record-holding systems.

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