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Davis-Standard LLC [4] (Pawcatuck, CT) has appointed **Kevin Coghlan** as its CFO, with Coghlan bringing more than 28 years of finance and business management experience at multinational companies in both private equity and public settings. Most recently, he was CFO, treasurer, and secretary for PaperWorks Industries Inc. Prior work experience includes stints with Allied Signal, WR Grace & Co., Ingersoll Rand, and Schnitzer Steel Industries Inc. Coghlan has a bachelor's degree in finance and economics from The Wharton School at the University of Pennsylvania and an MBA with concentrations in finance and accounting from Penn State University. Davis-Standard, a supplier of extrusion systems, was acquired by Toronto-based private equity firm, Onex, in January 2012.

Dwalin DeBoer) business unit director of Orthopaedics & Disposable Medical Devices at Mack Molding €, has been selected by Vermont Business Magazine € as one of its Vermont Rising Stars €. The list is comprised of 40 winners under the age of 40 and was selected from more than 120 nominations. DeBoer lives with her husband, Brad, and children, Callum, age 8, and Tyler, age 6, in Bennington, VT. She is involved with youth sports and education, helping coach a youth soccer team and serving her second two-year term as vice president of AIM (Adults Interested in Monument), the Monument School PTA. A chemical engineer educated at Worcester Polytechnic Institute (Worcester, MA), DeBoer joined Mack 12 years ago. Before that, she worked for Saint-Gobain Performance Plastics, the former GE Plastics, and Monsanto Plastics.

Ferro Corp. S Engineered Polymer Materials business has appointed **Albert Weber** as its global business director, to be based in Cleveland, OH. Prior to this, Weber served as European business director for Ferro Spain S.A. Previous chemical industry experience includes different management positions for Lyondellbasell, Elenac, and Hoechst. Ferro Engineered Polymer Materials division produces gel coats, color pastes, color- and additive masterbatches, polyolefin compounds and thermoplastic elastomers in several plants in the Americas and Europe.

Don Macnamara has been named the new general manager at PSI-Polymer Systems (Conover, NC). Macnamara will report to PSI's owner, Glenn Woodcock, and will coordinate strategic development and oversee daily business operations. Macnamara comes to PSI-Polymer Systems after 10 years with auxiliary and robotics supplier, Conair. While at Conair, he worked with that company's Film & Sheet group, serving as its general manager and national sales manager. Prior to that he was director of sales for Merritt-Davis, now part of Davis Standard. PSI-Polymer Systems supplies polymer filtration equipment, gear pumps, static mixers, and divert valves for plastics extrusion, processing, and recycling industries.

Michael Effing, founder and CEO of composite consulting firm, AMAC, will be working with HELM AG ∰ to "advise, promote and further develop" the introduction and distribution of Jushi Group ∰ s thermoplastic glass fiber business to the European market. The cooperation extends to Germany, Switzerland, Austria, and Benelus. Jushi describes itself as the leading Chinese glass fiber producer, and it is set to open a new production plant in Northern Egypt in 2013. The plant, with a total planned capacity of 200,000 tons and initial output of 80,000 tons, will be used to boost the company's export business to Europe, as well as Middle East and India.

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