



Bio-Process Systems Alliance

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**Greg Tronto of W.L. Gore & Associates
Named to Board of Directors of
SPI's Bio-Process Systems Alliance (BPSA)**

Elkton, MD (September 24, 2008) – Greg Tronto, leader of alliance and business strategies for bioprocess components at W. L. Gore & Associates, was elected to the Society of the Plastics Industry's (SPI) Bio-Process Systems Alliance board of directors beginning November 16, 2008.

Tronto joins the board along with five other newly elected members serving two-year terms: Mani Krishnan, Millipore; Jeffery Lee Craig, ATMI; Ken Davis, Value Plastics; Bill Hartzel, ARKEMA and Paul Priebe, Sartorius-Stedim.

The Bio-Process Systems Alliance (BPSA) was organized to meet the challenges of the emerging single-use bioprocess industry. The goal of BPSA is to globally promote confidence in the application of single-use products in the biotech/pharmaceutical manufacturing industry. Part of its mission is to educate, standardize, and develop guidelines that safeguard the quality of drugs produced using this technology.

"The work that the BPSA has done is only possible because of the voluntary efforts provided through a diverse board of directors," said Jerry Martin, acting chairman, BPSA (Pall Life Sciences, Biopharmaceuticals). "With the election of these new board members, we look forward to providing a united voice that will continue to move the industry forward."

"I'm pleased to be joining the Bio-Process Systems Alliance board and look forward to working with this team on advancing the mission to expand the single use manufacturing market," said Tronto.

The alliance consists of leading companies engaged in the manufacture and use of single-use bioprocessing products. The BPSA brings together the diverse know-how necessary for single-use bioprocessing, ranging from

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manufacturers of plastic film, bags, bioreactors, filtration, to fittings and connection devices. The organization also provides an integrated knowledge base for the development, implementation, validation, and operation of single-use bioprocesses and provides a forum for the development of compatible technologies and standards to facilitate the use of disposables for pharmaceutical manufacturing. The BPSA also facilitates the acceptance of single-use technology by regulatory agencies.

In addition to the members mentioned above, the BPSA Board of Directors includes Jerry Martin, chairman, Pall Life Sciences; John Boehm, vice chairman, Colder Products; Ken Bibbo, treasurer, Hynetics; Tom Murphy, technology chairman, Thermo-Fisher Scientific; Roberta Morris, marketing committee chair, Charter Medical; Denise DeTommaso, SAFC; and Don Jahn, Dow Corning.

About Greg Tronto

Tronto, 45, has earned a reputation as an innovative business builder in the biopharmaceutical marketplace. He has a proven track record of establishing and leading high-growth, high-profit ventures as well as identifying and creating market value and market advantage for new and existing technologies.

Since joining W.L. Gore & Associates in 1988, Tronto has launched and led several successful business ventures. He is currently leading 'Alliance and Business Strategies' for Bioprocess Components business. He's charged with developing strategies for long term sustainable growth including external partnerships and alliances.

Tronto holds a US Filter patent 5,207,812, Tronto et. al., co inventor, 1995. He's authored industry white papers and has been a presenter at leading industry trade events and forums. Tronto has a BS in mechanical engineering and is married with two children. He resides in Hockessin, DE.

About The Bio-Process Systems Alliance

The Bio-Process Systems Alliance (BPSA), a business unit of the Society of the Plastics Industry, Inc., was organized in 2005 to encourage and accelerate the adoption and implementation of single-use manufacturing systems through education, sharing of best practices, development of consensus guidelines and business-to-business networking opportunities.

Founded in 1937, The Society of the Plastics Industry, Inc. (www.plasticsindustry.org), is the trade association representing one of the largest manufacturing industries in the United States. SPI's members

represent the entire plastics industry supply chain, including processors, machinery and equipment manufacturers and raw materials suppliers. The U.S. plastics industry employs 1.1 million workers and provides nearly \$379 billion in annual shipments.

About W. L. Gore & Associates, Inc.

W. L. Gore & Associates, Inc. is a worldwide presence, providing diverse, high-performance solutions in pharmaceutical, consumer, industrial, electronic, medical and surgical markets.

For 50 years, W. L. Gore & Associates has cultivated a unique corporate culture, resulting in a high-energy commitment to innovation and a passionate belief in making a difference.

Gore, perhaps best known as the inventors of ePTFE and the makers of GORE-TEX® fabric, is a leading manufacturer of thousands of advanced technology products. With annual sales of over \$2 billion, Gore today claims a manufacturing or sales presence in more than 80 countries and employs more than 8,000 associates in 45 facilities throughout the world. Gore is one of only three companies included in every selection of Fortune Magazine's "100 Best Companies to Work For" since the list began in 1984. The company is celebrating its 50th anniversary in 2008.

Within the Enterprise, Gore PharmBIO Products is focused on fueling the ongoing development of high-performance, technology-driven products and applications to better serve customers in the global pharmaceutical and bioprocess markets.

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