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Solberg's Ted Schaefer Retires – Recognized for His Contributions

GREEN BAY, WISCONSIN – The Solberg Company, the world's foremost innovator of firefighting foam concentrates and systems hardware, announced today the retirement of industry veteran Ted Schaefer.



Ted Schaefer entered the fire protection industry in 1980, with 3M Canada working in product development and technical services researching Aqueous Film Forming Foam (AFFF) and Alcohol Resistant (AR) foam concentrate technology. His early research resulted in a training foam concentrate for the Royal Canadian Air Force that allowed for better utilization of their fire training facilities. Ted also collaborated with the Canadian Forest Service Equipment Development Group conducting research that discovered that foam could actually make water up to ten times more effective in wild-land fire control.

In the late 1980's, Ted relocated to 3M Australia where he furthered his research work that led to the commercial introduction of Class A foam (3M FIRE-BRAKE™ BFFF), high-expansion foam and enhancements to existing low expansion foam concentrates. In 2001, the Australian Academy of Technological Sciences and Engineering and the Sydney Powerhouse Museum recognized FIRE-BRAKE as one of the top 100 Australian inventions of the 20th Century.

In 2000, Ted led the 3M Australia Product Development Team to the invention of RE-HEALING™ Foam which uses no fluorochemicals (surfactants nor polymers). Two patents and three first generation products were a result of the research and development efforts. RE-HEALING RF3 - 3%, RF6 - 6% and RF3x6% ATC™ foam concentrates were commercialized from the development effort.

Ted joined Solberg in 2007 as General Manager for the Asia Pacific Region, when Solberg Scandinavian AS purchased the assets of 3M Australia upon its withdrawal from the firefighting foam market. Over his 35 year career, Ted has received many industry awards and honors, and has written numerous conference papers and publications on firefighting foams that have helped raise the standards in firefighting foam technology.

Ted's education included a BS degree in Chemistry from the University of Waterloo – Canada, an MSc in Chemical Technology from University of Western Sydney and an MSc in Chemical Engineering from The University of Newcastle – Australia. The Solberg Family wishes Ted all the best in his retirement as he will be missed by his friends and colleagues.



Solberg, the firefighting foam products division of Amerex Corporation is based in Green Bay, Wisconsin with operations in Bergen, Norway and Sydney, Australia. The company has been involved with the manufacture of firefighting foams since the early-1970s. Solberg's unique technology and foam systems hardware is preferred by customers in the aerospace, aviation, chemical, defense, energy, fire services, marine, mining, oil and gas, petrochemical, pharmaceutical, pipeline, solvent & coatings and utilities industries.

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About Solberg

Solberg is an Amerex Corporation company with a European heritage. The company is a global one-stop resource for firefighting foam concentrates and custom-designed foam suppression systems hardware and accessories. Solberg offers environmentally sustainable fluorosurfactant and fluoropolymer-free foam concentrate products, an innovation in Class B firefighting foam and traditional firefighting foam concentrates. Solberg's people and processes are committed to quality, service and safety along with environmental responsibility. This philosophy enables the company to flourish while delivering innovations and value. More information can be found at:
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