

TROJAN BATTERY GET THE BEERING IN

Trojan Battery Co., LLC, has announced the appointment of John Beering as the company's Chief Operating Officer, a new role that reflects Trojan Battery's rapid growth and global expansion.



As a member of the executive management team, Beering brings more than 20 years of experience and expertise in leading, implementing and improving business operations across a wide variety of businesses.

Reporting to Jeff Elder, President and Chief Executive Officer of Trojan Battery, Beering is responsible for all operations of the company including manufacturing, environmental health and safety, quality, engineering, supply chain, sales and marketing. Trojan's finance, legal, human resources, as well as market and corporate development teams will continue to report directly to Jeff Elder.

Beering's appointment is the latest in a string of recent executive management additions to Trojan Battery's senior leadership team to help support and implement the company's wide-ranging product development and global sales strategies. Trojan appointed Michael Everett, Senior Vice President of Engineering, and Robert Gibson, Vice President of Quality, in February 2016, both of whom also serve on the company's executive team and report to Beering.

"John's breadth of engineering, operations, sales, marketing and business management experience will be instrumental to Trojan Battery as we enter the next phase of our corporate growth," Elder said. "Trojan is committed to delivering unmatched deep-cycle battery technology, along with world class customer service and support, and John's proven track record makes him the ideal candidate to lead our key growth initiatives."

Most recently, Beering was Senior Vice President and General Manager for the Commercial Powertrain Business with Eaton, where he was responsible for commercial and product development programmes, as well as all strategic initiatives globally. Prior to that, he held other general management and marketing roles with Eaton. He also has served in multiple sales and marketing positions at Pratt & Whitney, and in engineering and product management roles with Carrier Corp.

Beering earned a Master of Science degree in management, marketing and finance, and a Bachelor of Science degree in industrial engineering from Purdue University in West Lafayette, Indiana.

ETS APPOINTS FANIS PAPAKOSTAS AS VICE CHAIRMAN

Industry veteran Fanis Papakostas, 58, has been appointed Vice Chairman of ETS, the European Tissue Symposium. He will take up his role this month, and will serve until June 2017. With Roberto Berardi due to step down as Chairman in June 2017, Mr. Papakostas will be a strong candidate to succeed him in the role.

A specialist in tissue, Papakostas has spent 30 years in professional management and consulting, holding senior roles with Unilever, Beiersdorf and Kimberly-Clark. He also has a deep knowledge of detergents and cosmetics. His career was built via the Marketing and Sales paths, while a good supply chain and finance cross functional experience, coupled with the right exposure on administration

and legal corporate matters, have broadened his qualifications.

"I am delighted to welcome Fanis as Vice Chairman," said ETS Chairman Roberto Berardi. "He has an unrivalled knowledge of our industry and business and I look forward to working alongside him over the next 12 months in realising further opportunities for our sector."

Commenting on his appointment Fanis Papakostas added: "ETS undertakes important work in showcasing the benefits of paper and I look forward to continuing to promote these messages. My activities will aim to add value to what ETS delivers to its member companies, to their customers and of course to the tissue paper product users."

Fanis Papakostas has studied and worked in five countries in the course of his career including UK, Germany, France, and Greece, and is currently



based in Munich, Germany. He holds an MSc in Operational Research from the University of Southampton, and a BBA in Business Administration from the University of Maryland.