# **EMPLOYMENT APPLICATION**

NAME: Christopher Harris Santa Teresa, NM

EDUCATION			
Dates:			
From: 8/1983 To: 5/1987			
School Name: Cornell University			
City	State	Did you graduate?	
Ithaca	NY	Yes □ No	
Degree Received: BS	Major: Chemical Engineering with Distinction	Units Completed: All	
Dates:			
From: 9/1979 To: 5/1983			
School Name: Deerfield Academy			
City	State	Did you graduate?	
Deerfield	MA	Yes □ No	
Degree Received: High School - Preparatory School	Major: General Pre-College Studies	Units Completed: All	

# **WORK EXPERIENCE**

Please list your employment history below. If you held multiple positions within the same company, please list each position separately as a different work experience entry on the application.

Dates:	
From: 6/2021 To: 10/2022	

Employer: Position Title: Aristo LLC President

Address:

4410 West 37th Ave

City: State: Zip: Hobart IN 46342

Hours Per Week: 70

# of employees supervised:

40

#### Duties:

Executive Management of specialty chemical formulating/blending/coating front-end company of North America's leading after-market catalytic converter & exhaust company, AP Emissions Technologies LLC.

Instilled world-class customer-centric culture focused on Housekeeping & Safety, Quality and Growth. ISO 9001:2015 & ISO 14001:2015 Re-Certification achieved in December 2022.

Spearheaded improvements in planning/scheduling/inventory optimization, supply chain management and customer collaboration, to reduce order backlogs from 7 weeks to 1 week, fueling overall Company Sales Growth of 20% while expanding EBITDA by 80%.

Executed new external catalyst coating business set to deliver 14% additional Company Sales and 27% additional EBITDA in 2023.

### Reason for Leaving:

Privately-held company was being readied for sale to Private Equity and site/subsidiary management was appropriately consolidated pre-sale.

Dates:

From: 6/2014 To: 12/2015

Employer:

CDTi Advanced Materials Inc (formerly Clean

Position Title:

President and Chief Executive Officer

Diesel Technologies Inc)

Address:

1641 Fiske Place

City: State: Zip: Oxnard CA 93033

Hours Per

Week: 80 # of employees supervised:

100

Duties:

Executive Management of NASDAQ-listed \$40-\$60 million advanced components and materials supplier to the global light-duty and heavy-duty automotive emissions control markets.

Re-Acquired critical Market Rights to Asia-Pacific to recover access to world's largest automotive

market--with a modest \$16 million cap on cumulative lifetime royalties.

Executed two successful Equity Raises (Nov 2014; June 2015) on heels of achieving key technical/IP and commercial milestones.

Drove development and early execution of Strategic Plan to transform Company from sub-\$100 million niche manufacturer of emission components into \$500 million supplier of advanced materials.

### Reason for Leaving:

Strategy change, sale of specific subsidiaries, and consolidation of sites.

Dates:

From: 10/2010 To: 5/2015

Employer:

Position Title: Clean Diesel Technologies (later became CDTi

Advanced Materials)

COO & President Engine Control Systems Limited

Address:

1641 Fiske Place

City: State: Zip: Oxnard CA 93033

Hours Per

Week: 80 # of employees supervised:

125

**Duties:** 

Executive Management of Manufacturing Sites in Oxnard, California; Markham, Ontario Canada, Malmo Sweden & Newcastle United Kingdom.

On-site execution of London Low Emission Zone in 2011-2012. \$12 million sales proved out October 2010 reverse merger to allow more equity funding. Achieved ISO 9001:2008 in record 30 days. Delivered \$100+ million in legacy Retrofit business in Europe and North America during 2011-2015 for \$15-\$20 million in EBITDA.

Deployed new patented workhorse heavy-duty DOC/DPF technology in London LEZ and North America as prelude to DuraFit(r) after-market product launch in August 2014 (\$5 million new product sales in 2015).

Reason for Leaving:

Promoted to President and Chief Executive Officer of Parent Company

Dates:

From: 8/2008 To: 9/2010

Employer: Position Title: Catalytic Solutions Inc. President

Address:

1641 Fiske Place

State: Citv: Zip: Oxnard CA 93033 Hours Per

Week: 80 # of employees supervised:

**Duties:** 

Executive Management of Catalyst R&D and Manufacturing in California and Sales Offices in France and Japan.

Slashed \$12 million in worldwide costs to navigate Catalyst Business through the Great Recession and Tsunami setbacks. Retained best R&D talent to generate patented MY13 technology that underpinned major increases in # of models, volume growth and margin expansion. Optimized California coating plant to slash material usage and boost labor productivity, expanding margins from \$25/vehicle to \$34/vehicle over successive model years.

#### Reason for Leaving:

Promoted to COO of Parent Company after a reverse merger closed with Clean Diesel Technologies in October 2010.

Dates:

From: 5/2007 To: 8/2008

Employer: Position Title:

Aculon Inc Chief Operating Officer

Address:

10110 Sorrento Valley Rd

City: State: Zip: San Diego CA 92121

Hours Per Week:

70 # of employees supervised:

10

**Duties:** 

General Management of start-up nanotechnology company commercializing molecular-scale coatings for optical plastics, specialty metals and electronics.

Wrote Series B Offering Memorandum and teamed with Board to fully-subscribe \$3 million financing round. Developed detailed plan targeting \$36 million in EBITDA by 2011. Implemented Opportunity Analysis & Portfolio Management discipline to focus business development execution against \$200 million of medium-term opportunities.

Reason for Leaving:

Recruited by Catalytic Solutions Inc amid Board turmoil at Aculon.

Dates:

From: 10/2002 To: 2/2007

Employer: Position Title:

Avery Dennison Performance Polymers Director of New Bus Development; Commercial

Director North America; Global Vice-Pres & Gen Mgr

Address:

8080 Norton Parkway

City: State: Zip: Mentor OH 44066

Hours Per Week: 80

# of employees supervised:

125

#### Duties:

Led \$200+ million specialty adhesive/polymer business, after improving P&L of \$100+ million North America unit. Key member of Senior Executive Team charged with consolidating businesses totaling \$1.5 billion.

Delivered Net Income 30% above Plan and 65% above prior year (same period) during seven months as Vice President/General Manager. Drove development/execution of 2006 Plan for record \$30+ million in Net Income. Actual 2006 Net Income up 37% and Economic Value Added up 39% worldwide.

As Commercial Director, key member of Global Leadership Team that built 2006-2008 Strategic Plan for 9% Volume, 16% Net Income and 18% Economic Value Added compound annual growth rates. Re-engineered R&D/Technical Service to generate \$7 million in 2007 sales from new R&D platforms. Drove Design for Six Sigma and Opportunity Analysis rigor to develop medium-term project portfolio for \$8 million in 2006 sales and \$3 million in gross profit.

## Reason for Leaving:

Corporation consolidated business units and substantially reduce the number of global vice presidents.

Dates:

From: 2/1998 To: 6/2002

Employer: Position Title:

National Coatings Corporation Vice President/General Manager, then President

Address:

1201 Calle Suerte

City: State: Zip: Camarillo CA 93012

Hours Per Week:

70 # of employees supervised:

### Duties:

Drove major strategic/operational change at this private \$5-\$10 million specialty roofing manufacturer. Transformed company into first roofing manufacturer awarded ENERGY STAR Partner of the Year alongside leaders like Intel and Whirlpool. Innovated with roof energy and life-cycle cost software and trained key customers controlling \$400 million in projects.

Collaborated with the California Energy Commission to update Title 24 with first-ever Cool Roof Energy-Efficient building code requirements.

### Reason for Leaving:

Unable to consolidate the industry across several small privately-held similar manufactures in different US geographies.

Dates:

From: 7/1987 To: 2/1998

Position Title:

Employer: Research Process Engineer: European Operations Rohm and Haas Company

Manager; Sales/Marketing Account Mgr - West

Coast

Address:

Acquired by Dow Chemical in 2009

Paris France / Los Angeles

City: State: Zip: Philadelphia / Milan Italy / CA 90292

Hours Per Week:

80 # of employees supervised:

**Duties:** 

Sales/Marketing, Operations Management and Product/Process Development leadership positions with \$4 billion specialty chemicals Fortune 500 Company acquired by Dow Chemical in 2009.

Managed 25 strategic accounts with \$9 million in gross profit across six markets. Boosted gross profit 50% from 1995 to 1997 on 14% volume gain.

Directed \$300 million in shipments to 50 countries and \$10 million capital budget for major plants in France, Italy and the United Kingdom. Managed first-ever shipments of finished packaged agricultural chemicals into Japan.

Began Rohm and Haas career as a Research Process Engineer scaling new product/process technology from the Laboratory to Pilot Plants to Full-Scale industrial production. Championed innovative workshop-based Safety Training for new Chemical Engineers and Chemists.

### Reason for Leaving:

Recruited to National Coatings Corporation after successful 3-years with Rohm and Haas in Southern California.

#### **CERTIFICATES AND LICENSES**

Various Trainings over the years in Problem Solving, Project Management, Design for Six Sigma, Six Sigma, Root Cause Analysis, Corrective & Preventive Action, Quality Management, Performance Management, Strategic Planning, etc.

## Skills

Office Skills:

Microsoft Office, especially Word, Excel and PowerPoint

Other Skills:

See above and see my Career Resume

Language(s):

Speak

Basic Italian and French; Rudimentary Spanish

Read

Some Italian, French and Spanish

Write

Not Well