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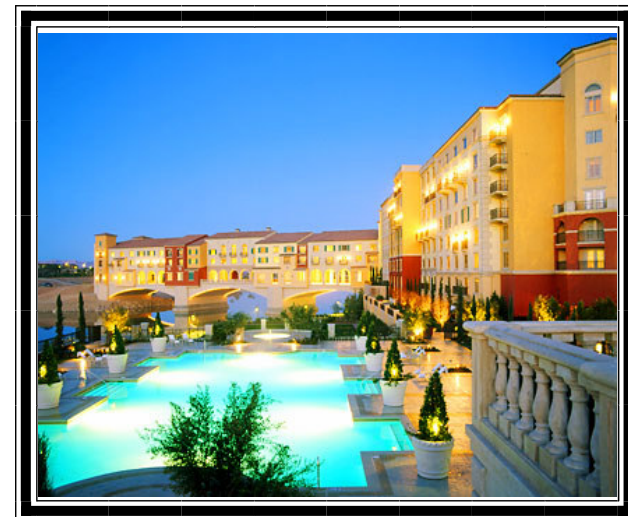
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SPRING CONFERENCE
March 9 - 12, 2008

“Industry in Transition”



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The Ritz-Carlton, Lake Las Vegas, NV

Schedule of Events

Sunday ~ March 9, 2008

- 2 - 4 pm **Executive Committee Meeting**
- 6 - 7 pm **Welcome Reception**
- 7 - 8 pm **Welcome Dinner**

Monday ~ March 10, 2008

- 7 - 9:30 am **Breakfast for Members/Spouses**
- 8 - 4 pm **Business Meeting**

- **Welcome/Self-Introductions**

- **James Solyst**
Principal Consultant
ENVIRON International Corporation

“Owning Sustainability”

Solyst will discuss the public perceptions versus the real science of sustainability. He states that sustainability has emerged as a driving force in transforming business practices, and that industry and sustainability is a success story; one accomplished largely without legislation and regulation; rather through innovation. Innovation is not an abstract ideal but rather a necessity for a company to maintain success in the marketplace. He will examine efforts in recent years to regulate or in other ways mandate sustainability and related concepts. In contrast, he will address successful approaches that are based on promoting and rewarding innovation.

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- **Melissa Hockstad**
SPI Senior Technical Director, New & Emerging Technology

“Update on Nanotechnology and Biopolymers”

Hockstad will shed some light on nanotechnology’s significant advantages to plastics applications. Nanocomposites that enhance the properties of thermoplastic resins, make them tougher, more heat-, dent- and scratch-resistant, and can be processed using the same equipment and methods as “traditional” resins. Hockstad will give examples of how nanotechnology is changing plastics product manufacturing today and the role it will play in the future. She will also provide an overview of existing and new biopolymers that are being developed.

- Lunch
- **Bill Wood**
Mountaintop Economics and Research, Inc.

Wood is an economic analyst who specializes in the plastics industry and is founder and principal of Mountaintop Economics and Research. He has an extensive database on the plastics industry and the U.S. economy and his proprietary indices measure changes in the market demand for injection molded, blow molded and extruded products. Wood’s research has proven that there is a close correlation amongst trends in resins, plastics products, tooling, and machinery. He

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is also the Economics Editor for *Plastics Technology* and *Moldmaking Technology* magazines.

- **Thermoformers Roundtable**

7 - 10 pm **Offsite Dinner**

Tuesday ~ March 11, 2008

- 7-9:30 am **Breakfast**
- 8 - 11:30 am **Business Meeting**
- **TINA Presentation/Balloting**
 - **Company Profile**
- 11:30 am **Lunch - pick up box lunches**
- 12 pm **Golf and Optional Activities**
- 7 - 10 pm **Ti Reception & TINA Awards Dinner**

Wednesday ~ March 12, 2008

- 7 - 9:30 am **Breakfast**
- 8 - 11:30 am **Business Meeting**
- **Bill Carteaux, President of SPI**
“SPI - Looking Ahead—2008 and Beyond”
 - **SPI Reports/Updates**
- 11:30 am **Adjournment**