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# NEWS RELEASE

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## **Gelest Bolsters Its Product, Facilities and Business Management to Ensure Continued Success**

MORRISVILLE, Pa. (April 3, 2013) -- Gelest, Inc. is pleased to announce a number of new appointments and promotions it has recently made to drive and support its successful growth as a manufacturer and supplier of silane, silicone and metal-organic compounds to the global marketplace.

### **Key appointments**

Greg Hertenberger has joined Gelest as Product Manager Silanes and Metal-Organics. His responsibilities include development of new business for Gelest's wide range of functional and non-functional alkyl silane compounds and for the company's greatly expanded range of metal-organic compounds for materials, polymers and synthesis. Hertenberger brings more than 30 years of experience in additives for coatings and construction products, including silanes and biocides, which he gained from serving in key technical, commercial and management positions with Petrarch Systems, Huls America, Degussa, International Specialty Products, and Ashland Specialty Ingredients. In addition, Hertenberger earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Chemistry from Ursinus College and a Master of Business Administration degree from Rider University.

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Matthew Suits has joined Gelest as Facilities Manager. His responsibilities include managing new construction for Gelest as well as its maintenance department. Previously, he was an Engineering and Process Manager at PB Leiner Gelatins in Davenport, Iowa, a position to which he was promoted from Maintenance and Project Engineer. Prior to that, he served in a variety of engineering positions at Dow Corning, General Electric and Louisville Gas and Electric. Suits earned a Master of Chemical Engineering degree from the University of Louisville.

Sean Nichols has joined Gelest as Purchasing Manager, responsible for the procurement of raw materials for Gelest's manufacturing operations. He came to the company following a five-year tenure as Operations Manager in the manufacturing division of Haas Group International, based in West Chester, Pa. Prior to his promotion to Operations Manager, Nichols worked as an R&D Chemist and as a Purchasing Manager. He achieved Certified Purchasing Manager status in 2001, and completed the Dale Carnegie Leadership Training for Managers program in 2004. In addition, Nichols earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Chemistry from the University of Bridgeport.

### **Key promotions**

Adrien Salomon has been promoted to Production Manager, with responsibility for managing day-to-day production activities and staff. He joined Gelest in 2004 as a Chemist after earning a Bachelor of Science degree in Chemical Engineering from the University of Delaware. Since joining Gelest, Salomon has assumed positions of increased responsibility ranging from Process Engineer to Process and Development Engineering Manager.

William Fry, who came to Gelest in 2010 as Assistant Controller, has been promoted to Controller. Prior to joining Gelest, he gained considerable

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experience in the auditing of manufacturing, distribution, construction, and not-for-profit organizations as a Senior Accountant for several accounting firms. A graduate of West Chester University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Accounting, Fry holds a Certified Public Accounting license from the State of Pennsylvania.

Greg Vuk, who started with Gelest as a packer in 1999, has been promoted to Logistics Manager. Since joining Gelest, he has taken on positions of increased responsibility, including laboratory assistant, shipper, traffic manager, and shipping/receiving packaging supervisor. Vuk majored in Chemistry at Millersville University.

### **About Gelest**

Gelest, Inc., headquartered in Morrisville, Pennsylvania, is recognized worldwide as an innovator, manufacturer and supplier of commercial and research quantities of organosilicon compounds, metal-organic compounds and silicones. Gelest serves advanced technology markets through a materials science-driven approach. The company provides focused technical development and application support for semiconductors, optical materials, pharmaceutical synthesis, diagnostics and separation science, and specialty polymeric materials: “Gelest – Enabling Your Technology.”

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