

Chemical company seeks to build better world

In a world where the missions of many companies bend to the bottom line, one company headquartered in Phoenix is being guided by a higher principle. Founded in 1988, Pantheon Chemical is setting new standards by adopting a mission and culture which seeks to make the world a better place. Sound corny? Maybe. But it's true.

Laura Roberts, CEO, of Pantheon Chemical, states, "Our mission says it all. Pantheon Chemical wants to revolutionize the industrial chemical industry. We are doing this by innovating high-performance, non-hazardous products, protecting individual users and our environment through responsible product development, as well as setting new standards in customer service."

At its manufacturing facility, also in Phoenix, the company produces four major product lines which it sells to many different industries, such as aerospace, defense, automotive, hospitality and law enforcement. Major growth has occurred since March 2002, when Roberts successfully led a capital funding campaign that enabled them to launch the expansion from a very small chemical company into an international level corporation.

Along with successful funding came the development of an accomplished board of directors. "We knew we wanted an outside, independent board," says Roberts. "Purposely we sought industry-specific individuals who had strengths in different areas – from corporate executives to highly placed government officials. We have surrounded ourselves with people who really have the know-how to lead an international corporation, and that strategy is paying off."

Roberts not only praises the board of directors, she also notes that the shareholders themselves display a commitment to the integrity of the products. "We want to be a responsible corporate citizen," she notes. "We don't have to pollute, and we don't have to create products that pollute."

The genesis of the organization came from Robert Galanis, who was a highly talented inventor. In his garage, he created products that had the



potential to revolutionize several industries. "When the demand for environmentally responsible products first arose in the early '80s and '90s," says Roberts, "the products entering the markets were often substandard to the hazardous technology, creating a stigma for environmentally friendly products as being less effective and more expensive. We are striving to change that stigma by launching safer, cost effective and better performing chemical technology into our targeted industries."

"For example, in the aerospace industry, preparation of aircraft for painting has used extremely hazardous chemicals for 50 years. Ten years ago, we submitted an innovative, safer technology to the Department of Defense for extensive testing, going head-to-head with major chemical competitors. Our products outperformed the competing products, as well as the standard hazardous method, cutting the steps required to paint an aircraft in half, and reducing labor costs by 35 percent," Roberts explains. "Now we are working with the commercial aerospace industry in the U.S. and Europe to implement this new technology, which will dramatically add to their bottom line."

Pantheon Chemical is poised for additional growth as the company closes a second round of funding. "Accomplishing big things requires a team of people who share a vision and are not afraid of what they have to lose," says Roberts. "We have that team."

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