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Curriculum Vitae

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Mr. Hietpas is President of Causey Engineering LLC. Causey Engineering has for over 25 years been providing forensic and investigative engineering services and litigation support, specializing in industrial and construction engineering, operations, safety, patents, and regulations. Mr. Hietpas has particular experience in pulp, paper, lumber, and food manufacturing, utilities, and industrial construction. His credentials prequalify him to become a registered Professional Engineer in any state and most U.S. territories.

Education:

St. Norbert College, DePere WI

Pre-Engineering

University of Wisconsin, Madison

B. S. Mechanical Engineering

University of Houston

MBA, Finance

National Academy of Forensic Engineers

Various Seminars

Scaffold Training Institute

Certified as Competent Person/Builder

Kraft Foods Seminars

Design against Pathogens

University of Texas School of Law

Basic Mediation Training

Shasta College, Redding CA

Lumber Grading

Performing Arts

Taught Industrial Statics & Dynamics

Registrations:

Professional Engineer: Currently registered as a P.E. in California, Michigan, Texas, Wisconsin, Virginia, Illinois, Louisiana, Alabama, Idaho, and Washington, and with the National Council of Examiners for Engineering and Surveying.

Work Experience:

Causey Engineering LLC, Austin, TX

1999 to Present

Forensic Engineer: Provide Forensic Engineering and investigative work related to industrial and construction issues. Progressed from part-time Associate in 1998 to President. Causey Engineering LLC provides engineering and operations analysis, regulation investigation and interpretation, accident investigation and analysis, and litigation support primarily related to forestry, logging, lumber manufacturing, pulp and paper mills, food manufacturing, chemical plants, power stations, refineries, construction, and warehousing. Also serves on the Lakeway Municipal Utility District Board of Directors, as well as the Engineering and Operations Committee.

Kraft Foods, Houston, TX and Davenport, IA 1998-1999

Project Manager: Provided on-site consulting engineering and project management services for plants processing Maxwell House Coffee, Minute Rice, Oscar Mayer Meats and snack foods.

Oscar J. Boldt Construction, Appleton, WI 1996-1998

Project Manager: Provided consulting engineering and construction management services for projects in several states. Clients included Westvaco, Michigan Paper and Manistique Paper.

Tenneco, Filer City, MI 1994-1996

Project Manager: Provided on-site engineering and project management services for several plant renovations and expansions.

Kellogg Brown & Root, Houston, TX 1981-1994

Project Engineering Manager: Managed design task forces for design/equipment purchases/construction projects for a large firm recognized as a leader in the industry. Clients included Georgia Pacific, Tenneco, Champion International, Boise Cascade, Kirby Lumber, Simpson Paper, and Weyerhaeuser Company.

CRS Sirrinc, Houston, TX 1979-1981

Project Engineering Manager: Managed design projects. Clients included Weyerhaeuser, Boise Cascade, and Champion International.

Roseburg Lumber, Dillard, OR 1979

Plant Engineer: Employed at a west coast lumber plant in Anderson, CA.

Kimberly Clark Corp., Dallas, TX 1961-1979

Several Assignments: Started as a mechanical and process-control engineer at Corporate Engineering in Neenah, WI. Was transferred to various pulp, paper, and lumber plants in WI and CA. Held positions in design, plant engineering & maintenance supervision including safety, project management, production and sales.

Professional and Service Memberships:

TAPPI Member of the Technical Association of Pulp and Paper Industry employees. Served in various leadership positions on the local and national levels.

NSPE Member of the National Society of Professional Engineers
TSPE Member of the Texas Society of Professional Engineers
NAFE National Academy of Forensic Engineers, Affiliate
ASTM American Society for Testing and Materials, Member
ASTM Forensic Sciences Committee Member
City of Lakeway Municipal Utility District, Board of Directors, Engineering and Operations Committee, and Personnel Committee.

Presentations, Publications:

"**Pulp & Paper Industry Overview** ", prepared for Dresser/Worthington Pumps
"**A Lawyer's Guide to Hiring a Forensic Industrial Engineer**", Published November, 2007 in "LexisNexis Mealy's Product Liability & Risk Newsletter"
"**FE Testimony in an Oil & Gas Patent Case**", prepared for NAFE seminar, January, 2009

Forensic Experience:

Cases Worked are 43, Depositions Given is 7, Trial Testimony Given is 2.

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