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Séverin Drogoul is Vice President, Corporate Business improvement & Quality. In charge of Technical Program Assessments, Company Management System & Standardization, Mr Drogoul contributes to Airbus Group Corporate activities on improving business practices such as Standardization, Systems Engineering, PLM and Risk Management. Mr Drogoul also coordinates technical program assessments on main Airbus Group programs, and contributes to Group Corporate activities on improving business practices such as Quality, Standardization Risk Management etc.

Mr Drogoul began his career in 1979 with Framatome (Areva) in the nuclear industry. Later moving to become Deputy Industrial Director, for quality within Qualitest-SGS (Société Générale de Surveillance – Geneva, Switzerland). During the 1980's Mr Drogoul joined CNES – a French space agency, where he lead various operational departments in the field of European Launchers & Satellites, Quality Assurance and Program Management functions. At the start of the 1990's Mr Drogoul joined Aerospatiale as Director within the Space Programs, acquiring experience in Manufacturing, Engineering, Production Control, Design, Procurement, Program Management, Supply Chain Management, Quality and Product Assurance, both for civil launchers and military programs (e.g. Ariane 4 & Ariane 5 launchers, and strategic missiles). He was also Quality Director for Space Transportation mid of 2000.

Mr Drogoul graduated with a degree in Mechanical Engineering, from UTC in 1979 (Université de Technologie de Compiègne- France) and graduated from University of Pennsylvania (Penn University- US) in 1979.



Etienne Galan

Vice-President Purchasing
Snecma (Safran Group)

Etienne Galan holds an engineering diploma from the Ecole Polytechnique and Sup'Aero in France. He worked during six years for the French Ministry of Defence, in the French navy MRO.

In 1996 he became Quality Vice President of Liebherr Aerospace Toulouse and in 1998 Supply Chain Vice President. He joined Snecma (Safran Group) in 2000 where he has held several positions such as IT Project Manager, Forging Unit General Manager, Deputy Supply Chain Vice President, Rotating Parts Center of Excellence General Manager, and since the end of 2011 Quality Vice President.



Michael J. Hayward

Sector Director International & Logistics Excellence
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Michael Hayward is a Senior Director for Northrop Grumman Aerospace Systems, a premier provider of manned and unmanned aircraft, space systems and advanced technologies critical to our nation's security. He provides quality leadership to all international programs and logistics operations. He also represents Northrop Grumman Corporation as the voting member for the International Aerospace Quality Group and serves on the board of directors for Performance Review Institute. Mr. Hayward joined Northrop Grumman in 2004. His prior assignments included Director of Global Quality for the Advanced Development Programs Division, Sector Director of Product Quality, and Sector Director of Enterprise Quality.

Prior to joining Northrop Grumman, Mr. Hayward served as director of Quality for Smiths Aerospace in Yakima, Washington for five years. Prior to that, he spent 15 years with Lockheed Martin in Denver, San Diego and Baltimore where he held several positions of increasing responsibility, including chief of quality assurance & test for the Atlas Rocket Program and lead quality engineer for the Titan Rocket Program.

Michael holds a Bachelor of Science in business administration from Regis University and a master's degree in business administration from University of Colorado. He is also a member of the American Society for Quality and is a certified manager of quality and organizational excellence, quality engineer, quality auditor, quality technician, and quality inspector.



Erik Kunkle

Sourcing Quality Leader
GE Aviation

Erik Kunkle is the Sourcing Quality Leader for GE Aviation. His primary responsibilities include oversight of the GE Aviation supply base and making constant improvements to the GE Sourcing quality systems.

Erik has 22 years of experience with GE ranging from design engineering to running several GE manufacturing facilities. In these roles, he was responsible for all aspects of part manufacturing including quality, cost, inventory, tooling, and maintenance.

Erik's previous roles include Plant Leader in Wilmington, NC, Plant Leader at the CFAN joint venture in San Marcos, TX, and Plant Leader in Greenville, SC.

Prior to Aviation, Erik held several roles in the GE Energy business. These roles included COE Leader for Rotors, COE Leader for Combustion, Cell Leader for Rotor Assembly, Cell Leader for Compressor Rotors, and design engineer for Unit Assembly. Erik started his career with GE as an Edison Engineer in Schenectady, NY.

Mr. Kunkle holds a mechanical engineering degree from Clarkson University.

GE Aviation, an operating unit of General Electric Company (NYSE: GE), is one of the world's leading manufacturers of jet engines for civil and military aircraft. GE is also the world's leading provider of maintenance and support services for jet engines.



Tony Maguire

Head of Quality Hawk Aircraft Programmes
BAE Systems PLC

Tony Maguire has 24 years in a various fields of Aerospace activity, including Manufacturing Operations Quality, Procurement Quality and Aircraft Programmes Quality. He is currently based at Warton Unit and is responsible for the end to end manufacture and operation of Hawk aircraft at Warton, Samlesbury and Brough sites in the UK. He has a broad business awareness and experience, with a sound understanding of the processes associated with design, development, manufacturing, maintenance and support of a complex aircraft product.

He is originally a skilled Machine Operator, moving on to Inspection, followed by various positions within the Quality function at BAE Systems. Prior to BAE Systems he spent 8 years working in the Nuclear Industry for British Nuclear Fuels Ltd as a skilled Fitter/Turner.

Mr Maguire holds a BSC in Quality Management and a Post Graduate Diploma in Business Management. He is also a certified Lean Practitioner.



Dr. Alan Partridge C.Eng., FIMMM, Ph.D, B.Sc.(Hons)

Head of Laboratories & Chief of Materials
Rolls-Royce

Dr. Alan Partridge heads up the Laboratories and Manufacturing Services function for Rolls-Royce. The role encompasses the provision of global technical In-Service Support to the Civil and Defence aero-engine fleets, and the technical management and control of the Rolls-Royce supply chain globally.

Prior to joining Rolls-Royce in 2011, Alan was the Chief Executive Officer of the National Metals Technology Centre for over 7 years, and had also held senior technical posts within Firth Rixson and the Defence Research Agency (subsequently QinetiQ). Alan graduated in Physics from the University of Liverpool, before completing a PhD in Materials Science at the same institution. He spent a number of years in academia in both Liverpool and Eindhoven, in the Netherlands, prior to entering industry.



Joe Pinto

Executive Vice President & Chief Operating Officer
Performance Review Institute

Joe was born in Sri Lanka and has been in the US for more than 35 years. He received his B.Sc. in Mechanical Engineering from the University of Sri Lanka and came to Purdue University where he completed a MS in Industrial Engineering.

He started his career at Sherwin Williams Company in Crisfield, Maryland, as a Mechanical and Industrial Engineer and proceeded to hold positions of increasing responsibility as Material Manager, Plant Manager and Director of Manufacturing for their specialty products division.

After two short stints as Vice President Operations at two privately held companies in Massachusetts, and Seoul, Korea, he joined PPG in 1987 and was assigned as Plant Manager of their Ontario, Canada Coatings Plant. In 1991, he moved to Tokyo to serve as Director, Business Development. In Asia/Pacific region, he went on to hold a series of leadership assignments in Jakarta, Hong Kong, Tianjin, Melbourne and Shanghai, during the time PPG was establishing their coatings business in the region. His last assignment in the region was Managing Director for Coatings Asia/Pacific. He returned to the US in 2005 as Global Director of Operations for Performance Coatings, a position he held until his retirement from PPG in 2010. On 16 August 2010, Joe Pinto assumed the role of Vice President and Chief Operating Officer of the Performance Review Institute. He comes to PRI with an impressive industrial career and broad global experience. He has a demonstrated track record of successfully leading complex organizations and achieving strategic growth objectives.



Dana M. Pless, CPA, CAE

Chief Financial Officer
SAE International

Dana Pless is SAE International's Chief Financial officer and is responsible for the organization's overall financial strategies and policies, accounting practices, and relationships with lending institutions and the financial community. He also provides oversight to all centralized corporate administrative functions within the SAE Enterprise. He joined SAE International in 1998.

Mr Pless has over twenty-five years of management experience in finance and administration and has worked in association management since 1994. He previously worked at a mining and energy company for ten years in a number of financial positions including internal audit, cost accounting, and finance systems. He began his professional career as an auditor with one of the major public accounting firms. Mr Pless has served on the boards of the Council of Engineering and Scientific Society Executives (CESSE) and the Pittsburgh Society of Association Executives (PSAE). He is also a member of the American Society of Association Executives (ASAE) and the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA).

Mr Pless holds a Bachelors of Science degree in Accounting from Indiana University School of Business. He is a Certified Public Accountant and a Certified Association Executive.



David L. Schutt PhD

Chief Executive Officer
SAE International

David L. Schutt, PhD, is SAE International's Chief Executive Officer and is responsible for overseeing global management and operations for SAE and for its affiliates and subsidiaries. SAE International is a non-for-profit educational and scientific organization dedicated to advancing the aerospace, automotive and commercial vehicle industries. Its 133,000 members—engineers, business executives, educators, and students from more than 100 countries—develop technical standards, publish authoritative literature, share information and exchange ideas for advancing the engineering of mobility systems.

As CEO, Dr Schutt also serves as the President of the Performance Review Institute, an affiliate of SAE International. In this role, he provides strategic oversight for the organization and serves on its Board of Directors.



Junji Tsuji

Manager of Manufacturing Technology Group of Production Planning
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IHI Corporation

In 1982, Junji Tsuji graduated University and joined IHI Corporation (then Ishikawajima-Harima Heavy Industries, Co. Ltd.) where he worked in new material development, material supplier control and designing manufacturing processes of new products. In 1997, Mr Tsuji became the Manager of Fabricated Parts Manufacturing Group at the Tanashi plant. Since 2001 he has been the Manager of Manufacturing Technology Group of Production Planning Department, Aero-engine and space operations.



Norman (Norm) F. Weiberg

VP Aerospace HOS & Quality
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Norm Weiberg is the Vice President of the Honeywell Operating System (HOS) and Quality organizations for Honeywell Aerospace. In this role, Norm is responsible for deploying effective change management, driving continuous improvement and executing process excellence of HOS and Quality for Honeywell Aerospace to improve quality, delivery and productivity – key outcomes of HOS.

Most recently, Norm served as the Director of Program Management for the Business and General Aviation organization, where he was responsible for leading customer communications, development programs and business management of Textron Aviation, Pilatus, Viking, Dornier and HAIG. In this role, he interfaced and directed functions to meet short- and long-term goals, while meeting customer commitments. Norm was also involved in leading strategic business initiatives, including proposal development, strategic planning support, customer and product support well as driving the MOS for the Customer Business Team.

Norm joined Honeywell in 1997, and has held a variety of site leadership positions in Quality and Operations within Honeywell's Transportation Systems business unit. Afterwards, he gained extensive program management experience through his position in Global Strategy and Integration and as the Program Management Office Leader for Air Transport & Regional and Business & General Aviation Customer & Product Support, where he managed the portfolio of Service Related Difficulties programs.

Phoenix Arizona is home for Norm, his wife Tonya and 2 children. Norm has a Bachelor of Science degree in Materials Science and Engineering from Purdue University. He is a certified Black Belt and has his Private Pilot License.



Jianqiang (Jason) Xu

Deputy General Manager of Quality, Airworthiness and Safety Management Department and Chief Quality Officer-C919 Program Commercial Aircraft Corporation of China, Ltd.

Jianqiang Xu is the Deputy General Manager of Quality, Airworthiness and Safety Management Department and the Chief Quality Officer-C919 Program for Commercial Aircraft Corporation of China, Ltd. (COMAC). He represents COMAC as the voting member for the International Aerospace Quality Group and serves on the board of directors for Performance Review Institute. Mr. Xu also serves as the chairman of the China Aerospace Quality Group. Mr. Xu joined COMAC in 2008. His prior assignment was the Deputy General Manager of Science and Quality Management Department. Prior to joining COMAC, Mr. Xu was the Chief Quality Officer and the Director of Quality Technology Management Department of Shanghai Aerospace Science and Technology.

Mr. Xu holds a Bachelor of Engineering from Beijing Institute of Technology and a MBA degree from Asia International Open University.