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MSEC SEMINAR AND COMMERCIALIZATION FORUM

INVITED SPEAKER:

Mr. Jason Ball President & Co-Founder; Reterra Corporation

"PLASTICS RECYCLING IN 2022"

March 25th ,2022 1:30 – 2:30 PM (CST)

Biography:

Jason earned his Bachelor of Chemical Engineering from The University of Minnesota and his Master's in Business Administration from Indiana University.

Jason has been the President of Reterra Corporation since 1999. He co-founded the company and has seen business production grow to over 2 hundred million pounds of chemically recycled polyethylene terephthalate (PET.) Reterra also recycles complex recycle materials such as dust, purge, fines, and films.

He started his career in the chemical coatings industry and advanced quickly to Plant Manager. As a plant engineer, his team attempted to recycle early formulated PET bottles. Although the initial attempts were unsuccessful, this launched his interest in chemically recycled PET.

> For more information or if you would like to meet the speaker one-on-one, please contact Dr. Shannon Weigum at <u>sweigum@txstate.edu</u>



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In the mid 1990's he moved to Houston, Texas to accept a position as Operations Manager of a polyol business. There, large quantities of PET were being successfully used as raw material to produce the final product. Meeting and networking with the suppliers of PET to this company lead to a collaboration and the founding of Reterra Corporation.

Jason is an active member of the PET Technical Committee, Communication Committee, and Reclaimers Group. He is a consistent and reliable attendee and participant when the meetings do not coincide.

He has also been active in ASTM over the last five years in sections and subsections D20, D20.95, D20.95.01 D20.96, and E60. In this role, Jason has fought to protect PET from PETG, oxy-degradables and biodegradables. Additionally, Jason volunteers as an active member of the Recycling Board in his hometown.

He is also on the SPE Board for the South Texas Chapter. Jason Is the only recycler and PET person on the Board that consists mainly of Olefin Executives.

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