



Press Release

Nitto announces Brett Andrews as Chief Executive Officer of Hydranautics and Managing Director of the Nitto Global Membrane Division.

OCEANSIDE, Calif., Nitto announced the appointment of Brett Andrews as Chief Executive Officer of Hydranautics and Managing Director of the Global Membrane Division, effective October 1, 2013.

Mr. Andrews has over 24 years of experience in the field of membrane technology and water treatment chemicals. Brett joined Hydranautics in July 2007 as Vice President of Sales and Marketing and was promoted to President and Chief Operating Officer of Hydranautics in June 2008. In his new role as CEO and Managing Director, Mr. Andrews will be responsible for leading Nitto's Global Membrane Division, consisting of Oceanside USA, Shiga Japan and Shanghai China. Brett will continue to work from Hydranautics' headquarters in Oceanside, California, USA.

Mr. Andrews will be taking over from Mr. Yasushi Nakahira, former Hydranautics Chief Executive Officer and Managing Director of the Global Membrane Division, who will now lead the Nitto Denko Base Functional Products Division based in Toyohashi, Japan.

About Hydranautics

Hydranautics is a part of the Nitto Group and one of the global leaders in the field of Integrated Membrane Solutions. Hydranautics offers complete membrane solutions like Reverse Osmosis, Nanofiltration, Ultrafiltration, and Microfiltration for Water, Wastewater and Process Treatment and applications. Hydranautics membrane based solutions are currently in use on seven continents throughout the world for diverse applications such as Seawater Desalination, Industrial High-Purity water, Surface Water Treatment, Wastewater Treatment, and Specialty Process applications. Our Global Membrane Division is headquartered in Oceanside, CA, USA and we have three state-of-the-art manufacturing sites located in Oceanside - USA, Shiga - Japan and Shanghai - China. For further information on Hydranautics, please visit our website www.membranes.com

About Nitto

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