

Panelists

Kenneth L. Hopkins, CEO & President, Neapco Holdings, LLC

Kenneth (Ken) Hopkins is the President and Chief Executive Officer of Neapco Holdings, LLC, a world-class designer, marketer, and manufacturer of advanced driveline solutions for global automotive and industrial markets. Ken is charged with guiding a dedicated and talented executive staff, supported by experienced management teams and a committed workforce with operations throughout North America, Europe and Asia. Ken joined Neapco in November 2014.

Prior to joining Neapco, Ken was Chief Operating Officer of JTEKT North America, responsible for all North American Bearing, Driveline, and Steering operations, overseeing more than 20 facilities with sales exceeding \$2.4B Ken joined JTEKT Corporation in 2010 through an acquisition of the needle bearing division from the Timken Company. Mr. Hopkins was confirmed as a Managing Officer of The JTEKT Corporation in June, 2013. Notably, he was the first non-Japanese executive to be named a Managing Officer of JTEKT.

Prior to joining JTEKT, Ken spent five years at The Timken Company, his last role as President of the global needle roller bearings business division. He joined Timken in 2004 as vice president of strategy and innovation and in 2006 became the vice president of the company's European automotive business. From 2001 to 2004 Ken served as the director of global marketing at Motorola Automotive. Prior to Motorola, Mr. Hopkins served in several capacities for Johnson Controls and Bosch, where he spent 10 years in business management, sales and engineering.

He began his career in 1989 at General Motors as a test engineer in the Chassis Test Lab. He earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in Mechanical Engineering from the University of Michigan and currently resides in the Detroit Metro area along with his wife and 5 children. He currently serves on the board of a private company as well as contributing time to several community and faith-based organizations.

Kim Korth, President & CEO, Techniplas®, LLC

TECHNIPLAS® is a global privately held group of precision plastic manufacturers who primarily serve the automotive, industrial, and medium and heavy truck industries. TECHNIPLAS® companies include Dickten Masch Plastics with facilities in Wisconsin, Iowa and Mexico; Nyloncraft with facilities in Indiana and Michigan; Vallotech located in Vallorbe Switzerland as well as WEIDPLAS with headquarters in Rapperswil, Switzerland and manufacturing facilities in Switzerland, Germany, Brazil, China, Spain, and the United States

Prior to joining TECHNIPLAS®, Kim was President and CEO of Supreme Corporation, a \$300 million publicly traded maker of specialty vehicles based in Goshen Indiana. During her tenure as CEO, Kim was responsible for a complete transformation of the company including a significant increase in sales and dramatically improved financial performance.

Kim is also the founder of IRN Inc., a premier boutique consulting firm focused on mid-sized manufacturing firms. A primary emphasis for the firm is to work with suppliers to determine long-term direction, establish robust operating systems to insure operational excellence, and determine optimal growth strategies.

Kim holds a B.A. degree from Western Michigan University and an M.I.M. from the American Graduate School of International Management (Thunderbird).

She is currently a member of the board of Stoneridge Inc, (NYSE) and Unique Fabricating. She is also a member of the Original Equipment Suppliers Association (OESA).

Jon DeGaynor, President and CEO, Stoneridge, Inc.

Mr. DeGaynor was appointed as President and Chief Executive Officer in March 2015. He has served as a director since May 2015. Prior to joining Stoneridge, Mr. DeGaynor served as the Vice President-Strategic Planning and Innovation of Guardian Industries Corp., (“Guardian”), a manufacturer of industrial glass and other building products for commercial, residential and automotive applications, from October 2014.

From 2008-2014, Mr. DeGaynor served as Vice President-Business Development, Managing Director Asia for SRG Global, Inc., a Guardian company and manufacturer of chrome plated parts for the automotive, commercial truck and consumer goods industries. Mr. DeGaynor served as Chief Operating Officer, International for Autocam Corporation, a manufacturer of precision-machine components for the automotive industry, from 2005-2008. Prior to that, Mr. DeGaynor held positions of increasing responsibility with Delphi Corporation from 1993-2005.

Moderator

Dave Andrea, Executive Vice President of Research, Center for Automotive Research (CAR)

David J. Andrea is Executive Vice President of Research. He is a member of CAR’s executive management team and has overall responsibility for CAR’s research agenda including day to day management of CAR’s research operations. One of CAR’s founders, he was instrumental in CAR’s formation as a nonprofit organization in 2003. He served as CFO and director of forecasting, and also was involved in CAR’s predecessor organization, the Office for the Study of Automotive Transportation (OSAT) at the University of Michigan.

Formerly, Mr. Andrea was Senior Vice President and Chief Economist at the Original Suppliers Association (OESA) where he was responsible for directing industry benchmarking surveys, expanding OEM and media relations, and administrating several OESA councils. Mr. Andrea also has served in a number of positions in his 30 years in the automotive industry, including positions as director of forecasting at AutoPacific; automotive analyst at Roney & Company; and chief economist at CSM Worldwide.

Mr. Andrea holds a Bachelor of Science degree in business economics from Miami University and an MBA from the University of Michigan. He serves on the finance committees of SAE International and the SAE Detroit Section; is a member of the Detroit Economic Club, the National Association for Business Economics, and the Automotive Press Association; and was past president of the Detroit Association for Business Economics.