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## **AGC Chemicals Americas Announces Organizational Changes**

AGC Chemicals Americas (AGCCA), a leading manufacturer of fluoropolymer resins, compounds, and elastomers announced several organizational changes in their Fluon<sup>®</sup> Melts and Aflas<sup>®</sup> businesses.

Dr. Evan D. Laganis has been promoted to Senior Business Manager, Fluon<sup>®</sup> Melts and Aflas<sup>®</sup> reporting directly to the President of AGC Chemicals Americas, Minoru Kawai. In his new position, Dr. Laganis has overall business, technical, and marketing management responsibilities for the following AGCCA businesses: Fluon<sup>®</sup> ETFE, Fluon<sup>®</sup> Melt-Processable Compounds, Aflas<sup>®</sup> Fluoroelastomers, and Fluon<sup>®</sup> PFA.

Concurrently, James F. Brennan is appointed Business Manager for Aflas<sup>®</sup> Fluoroelastomers and Joseph D. Proof is appointed Business Manager for Fluon<sup>®</sup> ETFE, and Fluon<sup>®</sup> Melt-Processable Compounds. Technical services engineers for these product lines will report to their respective business managers.

David J. Van Goor is assigned Marketing Manager for Fluon<sup>®</sup> Melts and Aflas<sup>®</sup>.

AGC Chemicals Americas is a wholly owned subsidiary of the Asahi Glass Company (AGC) headquartered in Tokyo, Japan. In addition to ETFE, PFA, Melt-Processable Compounds, and Aflas<sup>®</sup>, AGC also manufactures Fluon<sup>®</sup> PTFE, Fluon<sup>®</sup> Filled PTFE Compounds, and Fluon<sup>®</sup> PTFE Micropowders. Manufacturing facilities are located in the United States, the United Kingdom, and Japan.

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