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Leading Nano Technology Expert to join Magna Group as Manufacturer Representative



Dr. Velmurugan Thavassi

Magna is pleased to announce the appointment of Dr. Victor Thavassi as Manufacturer Representative for the Magna Group. He will assist the R&D team in the development of a new range of nanolubricants; to expand business and develop new applications for Lupromax additives in North America. Dr. Velmurugan "Victor" Thavassi possesses 7 years of experience in high technology based application development, which includes industrial consultancy for new products & improved processes. He has acquired extensive R&D experience in the field of nanocomposites, antioxidants and their significance in saving energy and cost, publishing over 45 articles in peer reviewed international journals. He also serves as the reviewer for numerous science & technology journals.

Following his passion for the sciences, Dr. Thavassi received his PhD in Chemistry and a Master degree in Chemical Engineering from the National University of Singapore (NUS), Singapore, and Bachelor degree in Chemical Technology from University of Madras, India.

Internationally, he has given seminars at industry forums in USA, The Netherlands, Japan, Korea, China, Malaysia and Singapore. He was an invited speaker

at the International Energy Conservation Environmental Protection Association (IEEPA) in 2013 –China; and at the second International Conference on Sustainability Science in Asia (ICSS-ASIA) in 2011- Vietnam.

His honours include: Industry committee member in "Nanofibers (2012)" at Tokyo Institute of Technology- Japan; Committee member in NCSU-N3M conference (2011) on nanofibres-North Carolina, US; Organising committee member in MRS-S Trilateral (China, Singapore and India) conference (2011)- Singapore; Organising committee member in "NIMS, Japan-NUS Singapore workshop (2010)" - Singapore; listed in Marquis Who's Who (2009); International Advisory board member at International Conference on Bionanoscience (2008)- Taiwan; Young Scientist Award (2008) by International Union Food Science and Technology- Canada; and Academic Excellence Award (1999)-India.

He is the founder director of a Canadian tech marketing company, Bageneff Inc., which supplies green and energy-efficient air/water filters. He also serves as a consultant to tech companies based in Europe, China and Singapore.

Dr. Thavassi is married with 2 sons and lives with his family in Toronto, Canada.

Magna is privileged to welcome Dr. Thavassi onboard as Manufacturer Representative and wishes him every success in all his endeavours with the Magna Group.



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