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Martha Collins joins HarbisonWalker International

Industry veteran will direct innovation initiatives in support of company transformation for the future

Pittsburgh, PA – May 16, 2016 – HarbisonWalker International (HWI) announced that Martha Collins, PhD, has joined the company as chief technology officer. In her new role, Collins will play a critical role in helping to transform the future of the company through its innovation efforts.

Collins brings to HWI 26 years of experience as an innovator in the chemical, oil and gases industries. She has worked in both corporate and business-facing technology organizations to help business teams internally develop and acquire new products, platforms and technologies. Her research and development efforts have led to the commercialization of more than 30 new products across diverse markets.

“We are thrilled to welcome Martha to HWI,” said Steve Delo, chairman and CEO, HarbisonWalker International. “Her expertise, impressive track record of leading innovation, passion and great attitude all embody what the HWI brand represents: ‘Intensity at Work’ that benefits our employees, customers and the industry.”

Most recently, Collins was technology director for Global Innovation at Halliburton, one of the world’s largest providers of products and services to the global energy industry. At Halliburton, she was responsible for disruptive new technology and enabling innovation processes across the enterprise.

Prior to her position at Halliburton, Collins spent 14 years at Air Products and Chemicals in various corporate and business technology leadership roles with increasing responsibility in technology and innovation management. She was elected Chairman of the Board in 2013-14 for the Industrial Research Institute (IRI), the leading U.S. association of more than 200 companies and federal labs working together to enhance the effectiveness of technological innovation in industry.

Early in her career, Collins spent time developing and commercializing profitable new products and technologies for Eastman Chemical Company and for Union Carbide Corporation. She holds a PhD from the University of California, Davis and is an inventor on 13 U.S. patents. Originally from San Diego, California, Collins is married and the mother of three sons.

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With more than 150 years of industry leadership, HarbisonWalker International (HWI) is the largest supplier of refractory products and services in the United States. Headquartered in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, the company's international network spans North America, Europe, and Asia, with 19 manufacturing plants, 30 global sourcing centers, and technology facilities in both the United States and China. Serving virtually every major industry that requires refractory solutions to enhance production and protect assets, HWI is consistently recognized for its talented experts, industry firsts, and intensely driven excellence. Visit <http://thinkhwi.com>