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Engineering, Management and Litigation Consultant

Complex Manufacturing Issues Industrial Mass Production Machinery Issues

Career Highlights

Since 1998



Fritz Kucklick' manufacturing, management and engineering expertise is based on his mechanical engineering degree and over 25 years' ownership, top management, international sales, design engineering, field startup, troubleshooting, & installation, and project management positions with automotive component and

Management and engineering support for manufacturers, and consulting and expert testimony pertaining to litigations. Manufacturing clients include GKN (Denmark, USA), Daewoo (Poland, South Korea), MetalDyne (USA), and TVS Group (India). Litigation consulting cases include contract disputes, trade secrets, product liability, and others in arbitration and state and federal courts.

1977-1998

Co-founder, owner, officer, employee and director of Hess Industries, Inc. (industrial mass production machinery and tool & die designer/manufacturer, Niles, MI), a company that grew from its two founders to 500 employees in six locations in the USA and Europe. Company's major customers are automotive OEM and Tier One manufacturers. Company's products include proprietary metalworking machinery, such as rim and wheel production lines, presses, resistance and arc welders, roll formers, shrinkers, expanders, straighteners, metal spinning machines, cold rolling mills, mill instrumentation, automations, robotics, special machines, assembly machines, stamping dies, food processing machines, and other production lines combining many different manufacturing technologies.

Involved with many key elements of the company's growth, including top management, machinery and tooling engineering, intellectual property protection, international sales and marketing, equipment installation and startup, establishment of overseas licensees and licensors, forging strategic international alliances, asset acquisitions and startups of US and European companies, due diligence, boards of directors, community and government relations, and P&L responsibilities.

1969-1977

Engineering, R&D, onsite technical service, and project management positions at various companies including Firestone Steel Products Company (truck wheel manufacturer, div. Firestone Tire Co.), Grotnes Machine Works (industrial mass production machinery designer/manufacturer, Chicago, div. Inland Steel),

and Manufacturing Technology, Inc. (industrial mass production machinery designer/manufacturer, Mishawaka, IN).

Fritz Kucklick is a US citizen, and has a degree in mechanical engineering from Ohio Northern University. Additional business studies University of Notre Dame, South Bend, IN.