Evonik Industries AG headquartered in Essen, Germany, is one of the world’s top specialty chemicals companies. Around 80 percent of sales come from market-leading positions. Evonik concentrates on health, nutrition, resource efficiency and globalization. With more than €13 billion in sales in 2013, Evonik is in the midst of a €6 billion investment program to grow its specialty chemicals businesses.

Evonik products are present in everyday items that support modern life, from superabsorbent materials that keep babies drier and parents happier, to structural foams that allow aircraft to fly lighter. Cars consume less fuel thanks to tires that are made more fuel efficient by Evonik silica and biofuels enabled by Evonik catalysts. Living healthier lives is aided by pharmaceutical polymers from Evonik that protect tablets and capsules as they pass through our bodies, precisely controlling when and where a drug is released.

Among its key initiatives in North America, Evonik Corporation created the Evonik Oil & Gas Group to boost the resource-efficiency of products for the oil and gas industries. Evonik also acquired Michigan-based Silbond Corporation earlier in 2014, adding to the company’s functional silanes business.

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Biography

SPEAKER: John Rolando, President, Evonik Corporation is responsible for the North American activities of Evonik Industries AG, including the U.S., Canada and Mexico. He has spent over 25 years at the company around the world. Previously, Rolando was president, North America, of the company’s Performance Polymers Business Unit. He served in this capacity since 2005, also serving as president of Evonik Corporation from 2006-2008. Rolando joined the company in 1987 and has held various marketing and management positions including global Vice President of Marketing for Feed Additives in Germany. Rolando holds a MBA from Iona College of New York, and a Bachelor's in Interdisciplinary Engineering and Management from Clarkson University, New York.