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Specialty Chemicals Executive Julie Vaughn Biege joins The ChemQuest Group as Director

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June 8, 2022, Cincinnati, OH -- The ChemQuest Group, a global business strategy and external technology development firm with focus and expertise specific to the specialty chemicals markets, announces the addition of Julie Vaughn Biege as a Director.

Ms. Vaughn Biege joins ChemQuest bringing decades of experience in the specialty chemical industry in commercial development, marketing, innovation, strategic planning, product management and manufacturing management at Lanxess, Emerald Performance Materials, Lubrizol, Noveon and BFGoodrich. Most notably, she led corporate marketing and business development during the carve out and formation of Emerald Performance Materials, establishing the company brand and leading key business development initiatives for several of its business units. During this time, the company experienced growth through innovation and expansion into new applications, where Ms. Vaughn Biege led teams focused in CASE segments as well as personal care, food and feed additives, and latex polymers.

Ms. Vaughn Biege earned a BS in Chemical Engineering and Chemistry from Carnegie-Mellon University and an MBA from Kent State University. She has authored or co-authored numerous papers for adhesives and sealants, paint and coating magazines and conferences, and has several patents/patent applications from her participation in company innovation initiatives. She has been an active member of the Adhesives & Sealants Council (ASC)



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marketing committee, the Household and Commercial Products Association (HCPA), and SPE (Vinyl Division).

As a former ChemQuest client, Ms. Vaughn Biege brings a unique perspective. "I am excited to be a part of this organization. I join the team from the perspective of a customer, having engaged with ChemQuest on a wide range of projects over my career. I have been impressed with their industry knowledge, approach to partnering on confidential projects, their tools, processes and professionalism. These were invaluable in delivering market insights, identifying opportunities, pitfalls or dead-ends and providing strategic options to unlock value. I look forward to working with ChemQuest clients and contributing to their success through the high value services the team can deliver." Ms. Vaughn Biege will work with a wide array of clients, supporting ChemQuest's four vertical offerings: business strategy and transformation; technology and application development; mergers, acquisitions, and divestitures and manufacturing excellence.

"Julie truly understands what we do at ChemQuest, and the value we bring to our clients in each project. As a veteran in our industry, she is well versed in historical and recent trends and growth. This insight will surely benefit our clients and allow Julie to quickly enhance the projects with which she is involved", stated Dan Murad, ChemQuest CEO.

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The ChemQuest Group Inc., is widely recognized among raw material suppliers, formulators, and financial investors for its value creation. ChemQuest's four service pillars include Business Strategy & Transformation; Mergers, Acquisitions & Divestitures; Manufacturing Excellence; as well as Technology & Application Development through the ChemQuest Technology Institute and ChemQuest Powder Coating Research. ChemQuest services extend across 11 formulated product categories and over 13 end-use markets within the specialty chemicals value chain. Our team includes former senior managers from major manufacturers, business owners, and senior technical managers including Ph.D. chemists, with a minimum of 25 years of experience in specialty chemicals. For more information, visit www.chemquest.com.

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