ROD HAALAND Ceramic Materials and Core Expert



Comprehensive Casting Solutions, LLC

Contact	Technical Areas of Expertise
272 Free Hill Rd Johnson City, TN 37615	Refractories, hydraulic high temperature castable formulations (both low cement and no cement), ceramic repair muds for investment casting applications (shell and core), sol-gel derived ceramics, non- oxide composite materials such as carbon-carbon or SiC, abrasives, PVD coatings, colloidal ceramic suspensions of a variety of chemistries, 3-D printing of ceramics, formulations for use in 3-D printed ceramics, slip-cast and pressure cast processes, extrusion and injection processes both low and high pressure, investment casting materials for shells and cores, processes in support of investment casting, whitewares and stoneware materials and processes, glazes used in the whiteware and pottery industry
Education	Background
Case Western Reserve University MS Materials Science	November 2022 - Present Founder/President• Gray Materials Technology Materials consulting with aerospace and industrial applications
Clemson University BS Ceramic Engineering	June 1989 – November 2022 Howmet Aerospace – Various Engineering and Leadership Roles
Key Skills Ceramic Materials Ceramic Process Problem Solving Project Management Budget Planning Communication Patents US 6,315,941 US 6,494,250 US 6,578,623 US 6,588484 US 6,720,028	June 1982 – Present Ceramic Artist – Potter Process Engineering and Manufacturing Support in the areas of Shell and Core technology. I also had a brief stint supervising DS/SC casting, shell and mold prep at the Howmet Hampton facility before I became the process engineering manager. Shell experience: Shell solutions for Titanium castings including non-reactive face coat. Optimization of shell for large structural castings Development of all silica, silica/zircon and laminate shells for DS/SC Core experience: Development and Implementation of advanced poured core for large product lines
	dimensional fidelity and large cross sections

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Development of transfer molding core formulations for DS/SC cores as well as equiaxed cores.

Manufacturing support experience:

Spent 10 years working as the core process owner for Howmet – established best practices to be shared across facilities both within US and overseas.

Extensive problem solving around core/casting related issues.

Certified Master Injection Molder (RJG Academy)

Communication

Managed a cross-functional team of companywide experts in core manufacturing and use. Communicated with all levels of the corporation from operators on the floor to CEO's and senior leadership a well as customers and suppliers.

Leadership

30 years of engineering management Shell systems for DS/SC castings Wax process engineering for large power generation castings Casting engineering equiax and DS/SC processes Core development for aerospace investment castings

References

Available upon request.