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Ashland's Dale MacDonald nominated to the American Coatings Association board of directors

WILMINGTON, Del. – Dale MacDonald, group vice president, [Coatings Specialties](#), Ashland Specialty Ingredients, has been nominated to the [American Coatings Association](#) (ACA) board of directors. MacDonald will serve a three-year term through April 2015.

MacDonald's career with Ashland began in 1990 and has included a variety of assignments with increasing management responsibility. In 1996, MacDonald became director of sales for the Fine Ingredients Division (FID). He assumed responsibility for ingredients source management, marketing and customer support in 1997 before being named general manager, FID, in April 2002. In September 2002, Ashland Distribution implemented a regional organizational structure, and MacDonald was tapped to lead the Midwest Region. A year later, he served as vice president over Ashland Distribution's East Region.

MacDonald served as president, Chemical Sector for China Operations of Ashland Inc. from 2005 to November 2008 and became the president of Ashland Asia Pacific in November 2008. He was responsible for accelerating Ashland's business development in China.

In 2009, MacDonald became vice president of Ashland Aqualon Functional Ingredient's (AAFI) Coatings Additives industry group responsible for business management and strategy development, focused on driving growth of the coatings additives business globally. Simultaneously, he became a member of AAFI's management committee.

Prior to joining Ashland, MacDonald worked for Dow Chemical Canada gaining experience in sales and product management. MacDonald attended Alma College, where he received a bachelor's degree, majoring in biology, and minoring in sociology. He earned a master's degree in business administration from The Ohio State University's Fisher College of Business and also is a graduate of the Executive Development Program at Indiana University's Kelly School of Business.

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