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CLEVELAND--April 20, 2001--Brush Wellman Inc. announced today that Donald G. Klimkowicz has joined the company as Vice President, Operations.

Klimkowicz has senior management responsibility for the company’s manufacturing operations which include major plants located in Elmore, Ohio and Reading, Pennsylvania, as well as other domestic facilities. Brush Wellman Inc. is the only fully integrated producer of beryllium, beryllium alloys and beryllia ceramic in the world and is the largest wholly-owned subsidiary of Brush Engineered Materials Inc.

In making the announcement, Brush Wellman President William R. Seelbach, commented, “Don brings to Brush Wellman significant senior level management experience built on a very successful career of more than 25 years in operations, engineering and supply chain management. I am confident that he will provide the leadership to fully optimize the capabilities of our operations to meet growing customer demand for our products.”

Most recently, Klimkowicz was Chief Operating Officer of ei3 Corporation, a Montvale, New Jersey company employing internet technologies to deliver on line engineering support and real time shop floor data to manufacturers. Earlier, he served 14 years in a number of operations and process technology management positions with Avery Dennison Corporation in Painesville, Ohio, including Vice President of Manufacturing and Engineering for the company’s Fasson Roll Group in North America and Europe. From 1977 to 1986, he was employed by Diamond Shamrock Company in a variety of engineering responsibilities.

Klimkowicz earned his bachelor’s degree in chemical engineering from Cleveland State University. Additionally, he completed the Executive MBA program of the University of Michigan.

Brush Engineered Materials Inc. (NYSE:BW) is headquartered in Cleveland. The company and its subsidiaries supply worldwide markets for beryllium, alloy products, electronic products, precious metal products and engineered material systems.

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