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## ASX: Market Update – LaserBond’s WearLife Performance CRCp - Researchers

### Leading International Surface Engineering Researchers to join LaserBond’s ‘Wearlife Performance CRCp’ Team in SA.

LaserBond together with University of South Australia / Future Industries Institute is pleased to announce the appointment of two world leading researchers in advanced coating metallurgy and surface engineering for their WearLife Performance CRCp. The research centre is destined to become a world-leading group that is focused on extending wear life of critical machine components across a range of growth industry sectors.

LaserBond, Boart Longyear and University of SA are partners in the Commonwealth - Business funded Cooperative Research Centre Programme (CRCp) that supports industry-led collaboration between industry, researchers and the community.

Dr Christiane Schulz is a coatings development engineer currently working with a leading international advanced materials manufacturer where she develops novel metallurgical coatings for a range of heavy industries. Christiane had previously managed industrial research collaborations and lectured at the prestigious Surface Engineering Institute at RWTH Aachen University in Germany.

Dr Thomas Schlafer presently works with a highly regarded coating system supplier where he is head of R&D. He is responsible for the development of application oriented metallic, cermet and ceramic thermal spray coatings. As Christiane, he too worked at RWTH Aachen University and previously heavily involved in applications systems development.

Thomas is being employed by LaserBond as Manager – R&D Projects, to lead the CRCp work and development of our advanced manufacturing LaserBond Cladding cell system. Christiane is being employed by University of SA within the Future Industries Institute as a metallurgist coatings researcher.

Christiane and Thomas bring fresh skills and highly regarded credentials to the already talented team based in North Adelaide. Gregory Hooper, founder of LaserBond recently met them again at the International Thermal Spray 2017 conference in Dusseldorf, Germany where they presented technical papers.



“I’m excited to be expanding our knowledge and passion, taking what we developed at LaserBond over the past 25 years to the next level, with new applications, new materials, and new technologies, all here in Adelaide. Ultimately a globally recognised wear life research centre and advanced additive manufacturing cluster.” Greg said. “We are all looking forward to welcoming them at the end of August”.

For further information <http://www.laserbond.com.au/blog>

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