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## **Catacel President William Whittenberger Elected to the Ohio Fuel Cell Coalition (OFCC) Board of Directors**

GARRETTSVILLE, OH – November 9, 2009 – Catacel Corporation is pleased to announce the election of company president William Whittenberger to the Ohio Fuel Cell Coalition (OFCC) board of directors. The OFCC board of directors has further designated Whittenberger a vice chairman.

OFCC is a united group of industry, academic and government leaders working collectively to capitalize on the strength of Ohio's fuel cell industry in order to establish it as a worldwide leader in cutting edge technology. The organization works toward this goal by using a variety of methods including encouraging federal funding that will benefit the development and continued growth of the fuel cell industry in Ohio; hosting the annual Ohio Fuel Cell Symposium for the Ohio fuel cell community; promoting public awareness about utilizing fuel cell technology as an efficient and environmentally responsible source of energy; and partnering with the academic community across the state to encourage intra-university collaborations as well as collaborations with industry to approach fundamental research needs.

As a board vice chairman, Whittenberger will play an instrumental role in the OFCC's decisions regarding the future direction of the region's fuel cell research, marketing strategies and development initiatives. With more than 23 years of experience in the design and manufacture of metal substrate catalytic converters and reactors, Whittenberger possesses a wealth of knowledge and experience that will aid OFCC in achieving its goals. Among the numerous patented technologies he has invented or co-invented, Whittenberger was the primary inventor of the first electrically heated catalyst used by the California Air Resources Board to force current LEV and ULEV emission standards.

Whittenberger co-created Catacel Corporation with Dr. William B. Retallick and Richard Cornelison in 2001 for the purpose of using crossover technology from their previous company, Camet Co., to create and commercialize new metal substrate products not related to exhaust treatment. Since its inception, Catacel has developed and commercialized numerous solutions for the fuel cell and hydrogen industries. The

company will complete its current fiscal year with 35% overall job growth, a 50% increase in workspace and 72% revenue growth. It will also mark Catacel's first year of profitability.

### **About Catacel Corporation**

Catacel, based in Northeast Ohio, provides solutions for challenging catalyst-based applications. Using its diverse background in durable metal honeycombs, reaction design, catalytic chemistry, and large-scale production techniques, the company has engineered solutions for a diverse range of global clientele including NASA Glenn and Acumentrics Corporation. Catacel primarily serves the advanced energy and chemical industries. Catacel solutions are geared to the fuel cell, hydrogen, gas-to-liquid, petrochemical and aerospace sectors. Visit [www.catacel.com](http://www.catacel.com) to learn more.

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