

Biography

Chris Harano

President, Advanced BioCatalytics Corporation

Director, SurClean, Inc.

Chris Harano is contributing to the investment strategy at SurClean. He has 20+ years of experience working with start-ups and SMEs. Harano met Susan Sprentall at the MRO America Showcase in 2014. Sprentall introduced her company and explained how the USAF was using laser ablation to remove paint and other debris from aircraft. Leading Edge was planning for a strategic move and Chris believed this technology would benefit the industry by the savings of waste treatment alone. The Board was not ready but Chris wanted to help and volunteered to serve on the SurClean Board.

Harano holds a BA in Economics from UCLA and a master's from MIT. He is CPA in the State of California. He served as a Director at Price Waterhouse from 1995-1998 transitioning to CFO at Day Software which is now publicly traded company (SWX:DAYN). In 2008 Harano became President of Insultech, an early-stage company manufacturing thermal acoustic insulation. 2013 he became President of Leading Edge, shortly after Vance Street Capital LLC invested in the aircraft painting company whose founder received numerous awards in the industry from Boeing, United Airlines, American Airlines, Delta, and MRO of the Year for Innovative Service and Excellence in Entrepreneurship Award. Soon the Founder and CEO Mike Manclark stepped down and Harano assumed the CEO role. In 2016, Leading Edge, Associated Painter, and Eirtech Aviation merged into 1 brand - International Aerospace Coatings, Inc. (IAC) located in London.

Harano currently is the President and CEO of Advanced BioCatalytics Corporation (ABC), a technology and product development company, with production capacities, in the industrial biotechnology arena. It focuses the discovery of its Protein-Surfactant Complex™ (P-SC™) based chemistry into uses for cleaners, industrial and agricultural wetting agents, wastewater treatment, environmental remediation, and other applications. In 2020, the company stayed afloat by taking an industrial cleaning surfactant and adopting it to meet the specifications of the US Government FDA standard for COVID disinfectant. This pivot has led to another product line for healthcare outside of the fracking oil and gas industry.

Harano lives in California and supports SurClean in many ways.