

PACEM Defense Completes Acquisition Of AMTEC Less Lethal Systems, Inc., Perry, Florida, Factory And Training Complex



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WASHINGTON, Oct. 18, 2018 /PRNewswire/ -- PACEM Defense is proud to announce the completion of its acquisition of AMTEC Less Lethal Systems, Inc., aka "ALS," of Perry, Florida, and the appointment of Michael Quesenberry as the new President of ALS. On his first day as President, Quesenberry announced that the newly completed acquisition, "brings with it existing state-of-the-art less lethal production capacity and many highly qualified personnel, and will allow PACEM significantly to increase production capacity, and at the same time offer new high explosive production capacity." He explained, "PACEM Defense is excited to acquire the successful and growing AMTEC less lethal business. We look forward to working with the current team to continue to grow the less lethal business and investing in additional capabilities for new products and markets. These investments include significant resources to upgrading the security and quality systems that reflect PACEM's long-standing commitment to both our customers and our employees."

The new capabilities, which are highlighted in a web-posted [**video**](#), allow PACEM to expand into emerging markets such as the countries of the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC), the Middle East and Africa (ME&A), East Europe, and Asia.

Cory Mills, Pacem Defense's Chairman and now the new Chairman of ALS's Board of Directors, added, "PACEM is very excited about the expansion of our business and the direction we are heading. We have a tremendous team, and the ALS acquisition helps us to serve our existing clients better, and to build additional capacity. Our state-of-the-art training complex and manufacturing facility rivals any in the region. PACEM remains committed to delivering the highest quality defense and less lethal products, most up to date tactical trainings, as well as risk management and government services to our domestic and international clients."

PACEM co-founder Rana AL-Saadi, one of the new ALS Directors, added, "We are so excited about this acquisition, which provides a win-win opportunity to build upon PACEM's growth over the past five years in the security and defense industry. As a female with no military background in a predominantly male-dominated industry, I feel empowered and proud to serve our great nation. I will continue to support our business and employees by ensuring that all our employees, women and men, are treated fairly, and by enhancing our client relationships."

About Michael Quesenberry

Mike Quesenberry's decades of experience in the ammunition industry, at distinctly different facilities and in multiple functional disciplines, positions him well to lead the Pacem Defense team in Perry, FL. He began his career as a process engineer with Alliant Tech Systems at Radford Army Ammunition Plant. After eight years at Radford, Mike progressed to ATK Advanced Weapons in Plymouth, MN. At Advanced Weapons, he served as the Director of Tank Ammunition on ATK's prime contracts to the DoD for all 105mm and 120mm direct fire ammunition, M829A3, M1002, M1040, M830A1, etc., and after five years was promoted and transferred to ATK's Alleghany Ballistics Laboratories in Rocket Center, WV, where he was the Vice President of Production on the electronic integration efforts.

Mike joined Chemring in late 2010, and in 2011 became President of Chemring Ordnance and Military Products in Perry, FL. While at Chemring, Mike successfully led the team in a business turnaround and subsequent substantial growth, going from ~\$40m in sales per year to over \$250M annual revenue. Mike has a degree in Chemical Engineering from Virginia Tech, and lives in Perry, FL, with his fiancé.

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PACEM Solutions International is headquartered in Falls Church, Virginia, and offers cutting-edge approaches to consultancy, training, and risk management. We believe in developing solutions with our clients that enable programmatic development without stifling project staff outreach. Our team is comprised of experts who have extensive private sector business, government, and military backgrounds at the U.S. Government agency chief executive leadership level, as well as at the program and country management levels.

PACEM Defense provides state-of-the-art facilities and equipment, highly qualified personnel, and substantial financial resources to ensure high quality, reliable products are delivered on-time. Over the past few years, PACEM has successfully delivered millions of defense products around the world to some of the most challenging regions, including the highly effective-against-ISIS 40 mm M430A1 high velocity, high explosive cartridge that can be used in mounted and crew-served weapons, and the M433 low velocity high explosive dual purpose cartridge used in both single-shot and multi-shot, hand-held grenade launchers.

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