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**American Welding Society Announces  
New Managing Director of Certification and  
Corporate Director, International Sales**

**MIAMI, Fla., January 9, 2012** – The American Welding Society (AWS), the world's largest organization dedicated to advancing the science, technology and application of welding, announces the appointments of John Gayler as managing director of certification and Jeff Kamentz as corporate director, international sales.

In his role, Gayler will support AWS's global expansion strategy and manage the overall development, integrity and technical content of the Society's certification program.

Gayler has been with AWS since 1998 and previously served as director of national standards for the past five years. He has also served as secretary to several technical committees including the AWS D1 Structural Welding Committee. Gayler holds a degree in materials science and engineering from the University of Florida.

Jeff Kamentz joins the AWS team as corporate director, international sales. Kamentz has been involved in the welding industry for over 20 years, most recently as sales manager for SWSI, which is the international distribution arm of the Lenco/Profax product groups as well as wholesale supplier of major welding and safety manufacturers. In that position, he was responsible for maintaining and building sales in 70 countries.

At AWS, Kamentz's focus is on building sales of all AWS products and services, including working with over 30 international agents from a sales perspective.

About AWS

*The American Welding Society (AWS) was founded in 1919 as a multifaceted, nonprofit organization with a mission to advance the science, technology and application of welding and allied joining and cutting processes including brazing, soldering, and thermal spraying. Headquartered in Miami, Florida, and led by a volunteer organization of officers and directors, AWS serves more than 68,000 members worldwide and is composed of 22 Districts with 250 Sections and student chapters. For more information, visit the society's website at <http://www.aws.org> and click on "Pressroom."*

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