

Executive Management Team



Dr. Albert Green is the CEO of Kent Displays, Inc (KDI) and serves on the Board of Directors. He has held this position since joining the company in June, 2007. Kent Displays manufactures displays on glass and flexible plastic substrates for a variety of applications. The displays feature “no power” operation, wide viewing angle, high brightness and contrast, and are sunlight readable.

Prior to joining KDI, Dr. Green was Vice President and Division Manager at Science Applications International Corporation (SAIC) where he worked closely with KDI in jointly developing Reflex™ technology for flexible display applications.

Dr. Green spent 13 years at SAIC and worked in a variety of capacities including Senior Scientist, Program Manager, and Business Unit Chief Scientist. He also holds over 25 patents in the areas of photonic systems, displays, and advanced materials. Dr. Green holds a BS in Physics from The University of Chicago and a PhD in Physics from Stanford University. He has also attended the Executive Training Summer School at MIT’s Sloan School of Business Administration.

Dr. Green has had a long history of innovation in applications that involve advanced materials and applications in display and related technologies. He has the unique combinations of skills that allow him to both innovate, market, and manage those technologies and the related products that stem from those innovations. KDI offers the unique opportunity to take a revolutionary technology from the laboratory and pilot manufacturing to large scale production.

Quotes

“These are exciting times at Kent Displays and I am thrilled about the possibilities”.

“In many ways, the ability to manufacture displays on a continuous roll-to-roll process is a holy grail for the industry. It allows us to dramatically reduce the cost of manufacture, and because there is minimal touch labor, these displays can be made in the US.”



Dr. J. William Doane is co-founder of Kent Displays, Inc. serving on its Board of Directors and as Senior Advisor. He also held the position of Chief Technology Officer following his retirement from Kent State University in 1996. The installation of the high volume manufacturing line is a dream come true for him after many years of seeing a new technology develop from an idea into an industry.

The display technology of Kent Displays has its origin at the Liquid Crystal Institute at Kent State University. In 1965 Doane came to Kent with his family to join Physics faculty. The year of 1965 is also the year of the inception of the Liquid Crystal Institute at Kent, a unit Doane also joined to conduct basic research in liquid crystals. In 1983 he became the Institutes Director with a goal of developing an applied research program that expanded upon new discoveries and ideas coming out of an extensive basic research effort involving many faculty and students

The Center was a major success but all the new technology developed in the Center was leaving Ohio and going to industry in other states in the form of licensing and trained students. It was therefore in 1993 that Doane decided to try a new approach of creating start-up companies as a means of keeping the technologies in Ohio. In order to set the example for Institute researchers and also take advantage of a new exciting technology for low power displays, Kent Displays was founded.

“William Manning of Manning Ventures is key to this founding as the technology needed many years do develop from glass displays to flexible plastic displays that could be produced at low cost and high volume on a continuous roll-to-roll manufacturing line. This development is also a result of the business leadership of Joel Domino and technology leadership of Asad Khan who were in it from the beginning. We are extremely fortunate today to have Al Green as our CEO to now lead us into a major US company.”

The installation of this manufacturing line is therefore a major milestone in Doane’s career.



Joel Domino is the President of Kent Displays, Inc. and serves on the Board of Directors. Kent Displays is the worldwide leader in commercialization of Reflex™ Display technology. Kent Displays has established a worldwide network of suppliers, licensees, technology partners and sales agents to manage the growth of this technology around the world. Prior to becoming President in 2003, Joel was Chief Financial Officer of Kent Displays, joining the company shortly after it's start-up as a spin off from Kent State University's Liquid Crystal Institute in 1993.

From 1982 – 1993 Joel worked for Ball Corporation of Muncie Indiana. He held various financial positions at Ball including Chief Financial Officer of Madera Glass Company, a Joint Venture Subsidiary which specialized in providing high volume glass container manufacturing for California's wine making region. His last position there was Director of Strategic Planning. Joel has a Bachelor of Arts degree from Mount Union College in Accounting, and an MBA from California State University Fresno.



Dr. Asad Khan currently serves as Chief Technology Officer at Kent Displays and is also a member of the executive committee. In this role, he oversees the manufacturing, engineering, process development, and technology development functions. He is involved in key strategic planning for the technology and business interactions of the corporation. Dr. Khan has been with Kent Displays for over 13 years. In this time, he has held numerous positions in R&D as well as management functions. Dr. Khan has overseen several technology development programs including color development and flexible display development.

Dr. Khan is also an adjunct Professor at the Liquid Crystal Institute at Kent State University.

Dr. Khan holds more than 15 U.S. and international patents and is a co-inventor on several pending U.S. and foreign patents on cholesteric materials and displays. He is the author of numerous technical publications in liquid crystals including a contributing author in a book. He has given numerous presentations and seminars on liquid crystal display technologies in national and international conferences. He is a member of the Society for Information Display and the Society for Optical Engineering. Dr. Khan has a B.S. in Physics from the College of Wooster, an M.S. in Physics from Kent State University, and a Ph.D. in Chemical Physics from the Liquid Crystal Institute at Kent State University.

Dr. Khan has been a strong supporter of the flexible display development at Kent Displays including the technology development, funding, marketing, and more recently, manufacturing. The advent of flexible display manufacturing on a roll-to-roll basis signifies a paradigm shift in the way liquid crystal displays are manufactured worldwide. In an industry of over \$100 billion, Kent Displays is playing a pioneering role in this paradigm shift by inaugurating the world's first roll-to-roll flexible liquid crystal display manufacturing line. This is a moment for all to be proud, not just Ohioans, but Americans as well as the entire display community.