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Sroda Joins EMF as Business Development Engineer

ITHACA, N.Y. – Thomas R. Sroda was appointed business development engineer at Evaporated Metal Films (EMF) Corporation. His responsibilities include developing new capabilities for thin film applications in the visible and infrared portions of the light spectrum.

“Tom will ensure EMF’s capability development initiatives are tailored to meet customer needs and expectations,” President Robert Miller said.

Sroda previously served as process engineering manager at the Richardson Grating Laboratory, a subsidiary of Thermo Electron Corporation in Rochester, N.Y., where he focused on product and process development for diffraction gratings and thin film coatings and led a three-year National Science Foundation-sponsored research program investigating coatings for ruling large diffraction gratings. He also served as manufacturing and product development engineer at the Thin Film Division of Bausch & Lomb Inc. in Rochester, working with multilayer coatings deposited by sputtering and evaporation.

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Sroda has a master's degree in electrical engineering from Northeastern University and a bachelor's degree in physics from the State University of New York at Oswego. His graduate work involved the use of anodic and cathodic vacuum arcs as sources of ionized metals for ion implantation and thin film deposition.

He is an active member of the Society of Vacuum Coaters, the American Vacuum Society and the Optical Society of America.

EMF is a full-service, optical thin film, custom coatings company that has a wide variety of capabilities including anti-reflection coatings, mirrors of all types, beamsplitters, neutral density filters, coatings for plastic optics, conductive coatings, and the ability to handle large optics. Application markets include aerospace, automotive, medical, lighting, instrumentation, displays and photolithography. Substrates for custom coatings consist of glass, plastic and metal in sizes from 6.35 millimeters to 2.3 meters. The company, based in Ithaca, N.Y., was founded in 1936 and was the first optical coating house to be incorporated in the United States.

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