

Executive Biography

D. Aaron Howald

Vice President, Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer
Hemlock Semiconductor Group

Primary Responsibilities

- Lead the finance and reporting function of one of the largest polysilicon companies in the world during a time of unprecedented growth and expansion
- Ensure the sustainable financial health of Hemlock Semiconductor Group
- Develop sound financial plans and investment strategies
- Champion legal entity compliance and adherence to the Code of Business Conduct

Experience and Expertise

Aaron Howald began his career as a Certified Public Accountant with Deloitte and Touche in 1994. While with Deloitte, Aaron received the Michigan Association of CPA's Innovative User of Technology Award, which recognized his leadership in the implementation of technology to benefit the accounting profession and its clients.

In 1997, Aaron joined Dow Corning's Treasury department. After managing cash and foreign currency risks for three years, Aaron accepted a role as the Corporate Controller for eOn Communications Corporation – a publicly-traded telecommunications equipment provider. After successfully assisting with the turnaround of eOn, he rejoined Dow Corning Corporation in 2004 as the Manager of Financial Reporting. While in this role, he embarked on an ambitious project to overhaul the financial reporting infrastructure and implement processes to comply with the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.

Aaron joined Hemlock Semiconductor as the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer in 2007. His financial acumen and risk-based approach to strategic planning have contributed to the significant growth of the enterprise. Aaron was a recipient of the 2008 RUBY Award, an award recognizing young professionals who have made significant contributions in their professions and to the Great Lakes Bay Region of Michigan.

Education

- Bachelor of Science in Mathematics and Business Administration, Alma College

Community Involvement

- Served on both the Supervisory and Asset & Liability Management Committees of the Dow Chemical Employees' Credit Union
- Board member of the United Way of Saginaw County, the Temple Theater Foundation, the Great Lakes Bay Regional Alliance and Saginaw Future, Inc.
- Treasurer for the Great Lakes Bay Regional Trail



Guiding Principle

“Luck is what happens when preparation meets opportunity.” – Lucius Annaeus Seneca, Roman philosopher

About Hemlock Semiconductor Group

Hemlock Semiconductor Group consists of several joint venture companies owned by Dow Corning Corporation, Shin-Etsu Handotai and Mitsubishi Materials Corporation. Hemlock Semiconductor is a leading provider of polycrystalline silicon and other silicon-based products used in the manufacturing of semiconductor devices and solar cells and modules. Hemlock Semiconductor began its operations in 1961.