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John is currently Business Research Director for Lucite International, a Mitsubishi Chemical Company subsidiary. He joined Lucite in 2017, and is responsible for research in both existing and future Lucite methyl methacrylate production processes (including those from renewable feedstocks). He is based at Wilton in the United Kingdom.

Prior to joining Lucite, John received his bachelors and masters degrees in Chemistry from the University of Cambridge in the UK, and his PhD on Metallo-organic chemistry of tungsten and tantalum from London University in the UK. He then joined ICI in the UK as a Research Scientist, prior to working in the US on composite materials chemistry for four years. After that, he had a number of roles including Project Technical Manager, Plant Technical Manager, and R&D Section Manager, for ICI and then DuPont in their polyester intermediate and polymer businesses. He became Research and Development Director/Site Leader for INVISTA Performance Technologies, responsible for R&D on a range of polyester and spandex value chain technologies as well as other open innovation projects, in 2013.

John's interests lie in the understanding and application of process chemistry, including catalysis, in full-scale chemical production applications.

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