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Bob Hinkle graduated from the Educational Institute of Pittsburgh and began his professional career working for Halstead and Mitchell, a manufacturer of industrial air conditioning, refrigeration, heat exchangers and cooling towers in the equipment design department. He was later invited to join the company in a relocation plan but opted to look for employment in his native Pennsylvania instead.

Word reached him that an upstart company was looking for a person that would be able to develop a new line of pelletizing equipment, which he joined in 1972. This company was Mars Mineral.

He was involved in all phases of the company including equipment design, testing and sales. He grew with the company in the positions of Sales Manager, Vice President - Sales and later President.

In 1990 Mars Mineral became a division of Woodward Inc., a company that had previously manufactured the pelletizing equipment for Mars. In the year 2000, Bob was named Director of Agglomeration, a position that better utilized his knowledge and skills in the agglomeration field. Bob is still heavily involved in the pelletizing equipment applications, equipment sizing, testing and sales of the equipment and pelletizing systems and is instrumental in the developing of foreign markets in Australia, South America and Asia.

Bob has authored several papers on the utilization of pelletizing equipment in various applications and has been a long time member of the Institute of Briquetting and Agglomeration. He has served as Past President and is currently an active member of the Board of Directors for the IBA.

In the late 1980's, Bob started a new company that performed custom briquetting services at the former Pittsburgh Pacific plant in Neville Island, PA. This venture was undertaken while he was still working at Mars Mineral. After several years of

operation he closed the plant to devote more time to his family and to Mars Mineral.

Bob and his wife Betty reside in Portersville, PA and have four grown children and four grandchildren. Two of his sons recently returned from Iraq after a year of duty. Bob and his wife are active volunteers with the local ambulance service and devote time to various community projects and trying to keep up with the grandkids.