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Richard Horsfield was born and grew up in England where he attended the Royal School of Mines at the University of London, and received a Bachelor of Science Degree in Metallurgical Engineering.

After brief periods working on the development of nuclear fuel elements for the UK Atomic Energy Authority, and in sales and engineering of ASME Pressure vessels for the family's engineering business, he came to the USA in 1969 to attend the University of Pennsylvania and earn an MBA degree.

He first became involved in agglomeration after he returned to the USA in 1975 and took a job as Project Sales Manager for the Allis Chalmers Company in Milwaukee. There he worked on the design and sales of Roll Compactors and Roll Crushers (Granulators) used for the production of granular fertilizers.

After Ludman Machine purchased the Compactor, Flaking and Granulating Mill Product Line from Allis Chalmers in 1986, he moved to Ludman as Sales Manager. At Ludman he has worked in all aspects of agglomeration projects, from laboratory feasibility studies, to machine design, sales and field start up of completed systems. While the majority of his experience has been in the fertilizer industry, working on compaction and granulation systems for potash, ammonium sulphate, potassium nitrate, borax, potassium sulphate and sewage sludge, he also has extensive experience in the salt and food industries. He helped to develop a precision compactor to produce flaked salt for use on snack foods such as pretzels, and to develop machines which are used to agglomerate and sheet dough, in order to produce cereals such as Life and Golden Grahams.

He has been an active member of The Institute of Briquetting and Agglomeration for over 15 years and has served on the Board of Directors since 2001.

His hobbies include tennis where he serves on the board of the local club, bicycling, and skiing.

He lives in Milwaukee with his wife Diane, and has two grown sons who both live in Denver.