

Ryynanen promoted to Production Manager

Calumet, MI – OcuGlass, the only acid-etched glass manufacturer in the U.S., has named Brant Ryynanen Production Manager. The announcement was made by CEO Brad Aldrich in December.

Ryynanen is a native of the Copper Country and has been at OcuGlass since April 2016 when he began his duties as a Production Line Workman. He was promoted to Water Plant Coordinator in 2017. In that capacity, Brant created and implemented a new process for managing wastewater and solid waste materials. "Brant took his role in the water facility very seriously and proved to us that he could manage and create new systems to help us become more efficient and productive."

This work earned Ryynanen another promotion, this time to a supervisor position on the production line where he began oversight of the production process, quality control, and the launch of the OcuWrite product line.

The company formed their leadership team in August 2017 to include Aldrich, Ryynanen, and Director of Engineering Jeff Stevens. Aldrich added, "Brant's leadership has been key, not only to our growth, but to our culture. Our employee retention rates, and employee satisfaction numbers are a testament to his character and commitment to OcuGlass."

In his new role, Brant takes on complete management of all aspects of production for the company, including control of the process and the production team of eighteen employees. Company expansion from one production line to three created a need for this position according to Aldrich. "There was never a question that Brant was the right person for this job. He has been a vital part of our process improvement and these expansions."

"This is a well-earned and much deserved promotion. Brant has been an asset in the effort to expand our company and I expect his effort and determination will continue to aid in our growth," said Steve Williams, OcuGlass Chairman.

OcuGlass has been in full production of its acid-etched product, OcuMatte, since early 2015. The recent expansion to three production lines and 25 full-time employees has allowed them to grow with new products, including OcuWrite, a write-able surface acid-etched glass. The change in staff structure is only one step as the company continues to grow.

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