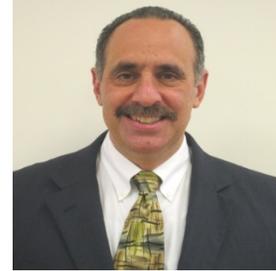




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I would like to congratulate NACE International Gateway India for organizing their 25th international conference and exposition on corrosion - CORCON 2017 in Mumbai, from September 17-20, 2017.

As a premier international conference focused on the economic impacts of industrial corrosion, CORCON 2017 presents a unique opportunity for creating awareness about the threat of corrosion and promoting corrosion control standards and technologies to protect people, environment and assets. This trade exhibition platform is also valuable for showcasing innovative technologies and solutions, and for building new business relationships.

I also want to congratulate the NACE International team for its production and publication of the recent IMPACT study, which helps define, in dollar-terms, the economic cost of corrosion and financial benefits to be achieved through prevention and mitigation. Also, look forward for the success of NACE's IMPACT Plus project – a unique online tool that will provide a global benchmark assessment in exchange for voluntary submission of data to be aggregated for future studies and ensure the best return on investment when considering how to protect and extend the life-cycle of major capital assets or major infrastructure projects.

The United States, demonstrating its leadership and innovation in the field of corrosion prevention, will be represented by various U.S. companies. I am pleased to invite you to visit the leading U.S. manufacturers and subject matter experts who will be present and participating inside the U.S. pavilion in CORCON 2017 and encourage you to engage them on their areas of technical expertise. If you are looking to source a specific technology or solution, the U.S. Commercial Service team is ready to help find a U.S. supplier to meet your needs and facilitate an introduction.

My best wishes to CORCON 2017 participants for an outstanding and successful event.