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Barnhardt Manufacturing Co. is [pleased to announce](#) that Shawn P. Fitzgerald has joined the company as the Director of Quality and Technical Services for their Natural Fibers Division. Lewis Barnhardt, President of the company said “we are excited to have Shawn join our team with proven experience in the regulatory & compliance arena as well leadership roles in project management, product development & quality assurance.”

Shawn graduated from Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University in Blacksburg, Va. with a Masters in Mechanical Engineering. Shawn and his wife are relocating to Charlotte from Amberley, Ohio where he was most recently employed by Ferno (an Emergency Medical Products manufacturer) as the Director of Quality.

Shawn’s previous experience began with Product Engineering roles which led to leadership roles in Product Engineering beginning with a Team Lead position & then to a Senior Engineer role with companies such as Lexmark and Oki Data. His experience and background ultimately led him to a position of Quality Assurance Manager and then to Manager of Product Quality, Safety & Compliance and finally in his most recent position of Director of Quality for Ferno.

Shawn brings strong leadership in Medical Device Quality & Regulatory Management for both Class I and Class II products having led prior employers with Quality Systems strategies and implementation.

Barnhardt Manufacturing Company is a 117 year old family owned business with roots in the cotton industry that entire time. Barnhardt provides Purified Cotton to the global market as a raw material used in hygiene, medical and consumer products. The Barnhardt Natural Fibers Group also produces dental and medical products, pharmaceutical packaging components and single use products for the professional beauty and spa market, all of which are sold in the global market.