

## LIFELINES

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**LinShu Liu**, see *JALCA* **105**, 132, 2009

**Nicholas P. Latona**, see *JALCA* **96**, 401, 2001

**Mila Aldema-Ramos**, see *JALCA* **102**, 280, 2007

**Renee J. Latona**, see *JALCA* **100**, 396, 2005

**Swarna V. Kanth**, see *JALCA* **101**, 435, 2006

**P. Ramesh Kannan**, see *JALCA* **103**, 203, 2008

**N. Usharani** information not available

**G. C. Jayakumar**, see *JALCA* **97**, 207, 2002

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**B. Chandrasekaran**, see *JALCA* 96, 23, 2001

**Keyong Tang**, see *JALCA* **102**, 227, 2007

**Xuejing Zheng**, see *JALCA* **102**, 227, 2007

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## BLC ANNOUNCES MANAGEMENT BUY-OUT

BLC announced that effective from October 7th 2009 there has been a management buy out (MBO) of BLC Leather Technology Centre Ltd involving the three directors Adam Hughes, Andrew Richardson and Victoria Addy. For BLC customers this will be a seamless transition of ownership. The business will operate as before, with the staff, services, procedures and culture unchanged as a result of the MBO.

BLC's strategic and operational philosophy will remain focused on leather, its manufacture and use in footwear, upholstery and leather products. BLC will continue to maintain its position as a market leader in testing, training

and technology within the leather sector by delivering our products and support in a timely, professional manner underpinned by knowledgeable staff and a positive customer service experience.

Going forward, BLC will continue to develop products and services for the benefit of its growing international customer base from manufacturing through to retail.

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