

# Ceilcote® History

Answers to "Who is Ceilcote?"

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The Ceilcote® name has been at the forefront of both heavy duty corrosion control and air pollution control both in the USA and Europe since the 1950s.

## The Beginnings of Ceilcote

The Ceilcote Co began in Cleveland, Ohio, USA in 1926. Mr Smith Snr started a small company applying acid resistant brick and mortar in steel plants in Cleveland.

## USA Expansion Under Bill Smith

Bill Smith took over his father's business and starting working with polyester and epoxy resins. Products were acid resistant mortars, linings, grouts and fibreglass for the steel and pulp and paper industries. Bill Smith tried formulations in his home laundry first. Some of the first ones were in the 1950s were Ceilcrete® and Coroline®, and they are still in use today. The Ceilcote Co was the leader in the development of these products and this was reflected in Bill Smith being the chairman of the Producers Representatives in the development of the first industrial fibreglass standard *PS 15-69 Custom Contact Moulded Reinforced Polyester Chemical Resistant Process Equipment* adopted in 1969 and still referred to today. Air pollution control projects were a ready market for the fibreglass products and The Ceilcote Co quickly developed a leading international capability in this field.



Leadership in coatings and linings was established with extensive research facilities. Ceilcote engineers and scientists wrote and published many of the original and defining papers in their fields.

## International Expansion

Expansion to Germany, Mexico, Canada, Australia, Japan, Singapore and the United Kingdom followed in the 1970's and 1980s. Each had its own focus and timing as major developments took place. For example the Australian expansion took place to service the new pulp and paper mills being built in Tasmania, and the United Kingdom expansion took place as the North Sea Oil Fields were developed.

## Ceilcote Comes to New Zealand

In 1981 Ceilcote (NZ) Ltd was formed as a joint venture to provide Ceilcote technology to the pulp and paper industry and fertiliser industries in particular.



Ceilcote International Managers, 1981 in Toronto with Ceilcote President Bill Smith (front row, third from right). New Zealand's Ken Holyoake is at extreme right.

## Multi-nationals Take Over Ceilcote

Multi-national General Signal took over The Ceilcote Co in the late 1980s as Bill Smith retired. Masterbuilders Technologies took over the coatings and grout business in the early 1990s. SGL Carbon Group of Germany now owns the Ceilcote coatings business. Ceilcote Air Pollution Control remains based in the USA and is owned by Air-Cure Dynamics, Inc.

## Ceilcote in New Zealand Today

Ceilcote (NZ) Ltd changed its name to ARMATEC Environmental Ltd in 1998 and has retained the New Zealand licence for both Ceilcote coatings from SGL and Ceilcote scrubbers and fans from Ceilcote Air Pollution Control of the USA.

## Ceilcote Around the World Today

Ceilcote products remain leaders in their field today having set industry standards and benchmarks for decades. For more information on Ceilcote® products and companies around the world, refer to the following web sites:

### Coatings and Linings:

[www.sglcarbon.com/cp](http://www.sglcarbon.com/cp)  
[www.ceilcotecc.com](http://www.ceilcotecc.com)

### Air Pollution Control Equipment

[www.ceilcoteapc.com](http://www.ceilcoteapc.com)

### New Zealand

[www.armatec.co.nz](http://www.armatec.co.nz)

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