

## Preface

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The Sixth Asian Battery Conference continued the highly successful series of biennial meetings that commenced in Hong Kong in 1986. The Conference was held in Manila between 15 and 17 November 1995 and gathered together 350 delegates from 31 countries. The audience comprised battery manufacturers, raw material suppliers and equipment providers. In keeping with the past meetings, information exchange, technology transfer and market discussions were carried out in a wonderfully friendly and cooperative atmosphere.

Various commentators have declared the lead/acid battery to be a mature product with little room for further development. These Proceedings of the technical programme at the Sixth Asian Battery Conference demonstrate otherwise. The battery is enjoying continuous advancement and this is resulting in improved performance, growth in usage, widening applications, and greater productivity in manufacture.

Research scientists added significant value to the Conference programme. They reported work that is contributing enormously to the increasing understanding by technologists of the lead/acid battery — a unique, yet complicated, energy storage device.

The new and dynamic valve-regulated lead/acid technology featured prominently in the presentations from an elite line-up of international speakers, many of whom are acknowledged experts in their field. As a major sponsor of the Conference, Pasmenco Ltd. appreciates very much the presentations made by these speakers.

The Asian Battery Conference continues to grow in status and a serious challenge to uphold the high standard has been issued to the organizers of the seventh meeting. This will take place in 1997.