Solvent Direct Welcomes Extraction Industry Pioneers Dustin Powers and Lejen Lotspeich to Team SD

Future4200 founder Dustin Powers joins as Chief Technology Officer, while filtration pioneer Lejen Lotspeich joins as Director of Filtration Development.

MANHATTAN BEACH, CA, UNITED STATES, September 8, 2026 /EINPresswire.com/ -- Solvent Direct today announced the addition of two longtime extraction industry veterans, Dustin Powers and Lejen Lotspeich, strengthening the company's technical resources and continuing its mission to give extractors a competitive advantage.

Two industry veterans. Decades of extraction experience. One mission: give extractors a competitive advantage.

From extraction technology and process optimization to filtration, media selection, equipment, and technical resources, Powers and Lotspeich bring hands-on expertise from people who helped shape the modern extraction industry.

Dustin Powers — Chief Technology Officer

As founder of Future 4200, Powers built one of extraction's earliest and most influential technical communities—bringing together pioneers and innovators to collaborate and advance many of the technologies and processes that shaped modern extraction.

Powers now brings that experience to Solvent Direct as Chief Technology Officer, leveraging technology to connect SD clients with leading equipment, resources, expertise, and innovation.

"Dustin has spent decades connecting people, technology and information to solve real problems for extractors," said Lexis Shontz, Founder and CEO of Solvent Direct. "We're bringing that capability directly into Solvent Direct and using it to create advantages for our clients that go far beyond traditional lab supply."

Lejen Lotspeich — Director of Filtration Development

A pioneer in extraction filtration media and process optimization, Lotspeich joins Solvent Direct as Director of Filtration Development, leading the company's filtration media research and

development programs.

Having created some of the industry's most recognized extraction media technology, Lotspeich brings deep experience in filtration, media selection, and real-world process optimization, with a focus on improving performance, consistency, and value for extractors.

Solvent Direct now offers a full line of SD filtration media developed by Lejen and backed by its national supply chain, combining proven performance, competitive pricing, technical support, and reliable final-mile delivery nationwide.

"Lejen understands filtration from both the science and the realities of production," Shontz said. "Pairing his expertise with our national distribution infrastructure allows us to develop better products while giving customers direct access to the expertise behind them."

More Than Lab Supply

The additions reflect Solvent Direct's continued expansion beyond traditional lab supply distribution.

Solvent Direct combines industry-specific lab supplies with exceptional service, nationwide final-mile delivery, and direct access to industry leaders and technical experts. The company's commitment extends beyond supplying products to helping clients strengthen operations, protect margins, and gain meaningful competitive advantages.

Better products. Better resources. Better extraction. Engineered for Extraction.

About Solvent Direct

Founded in 2016, Solvent Direct, Inc. is a national supplier serving extraction and manufacturing operations across the United States. Through its nationwide supply chain and private final-mile delivery network, Solvent Direct provides extraction gases, solvents, filtration media, dry ice, nitrogen, laboratory supplies, equipment, technical resources, and compliance support.

Solvent Direct's mission is simple: deliver the products, expertise, resources, and service extractors need to operate better and compete more effectively.

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