

Josue Gomes da Silva

Mr. Josue Gomes da Silva is the Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Coteminas, a global bed and bath home fashion products company based in Brazil, with manufacturing facilities in several countries in the Americas. He joined the company in 1989 as Chief Financial Officer and became CEO in 1993. As CEO, he developed international operations with rapidly increasing exports and, subsequently, with the



acquisition of Springs, Inc. in the U.S., was able to combine low cost, efficient South American manufacturing facilities with brands and a distribution platform in the U.S. and Canada. Coteminas developed a vertically integrated operation including cotton production, ginning, spinning, weaving, dyeing, printing and finishing of textiles. With faster operations the firm was able to move closer to the end user and serve more than 5,000 retail customers. Beginning in 2009, Coteminas introduced 50 retail outlets, and today has about 250 stores. Under Josue's leadership, Coteminas diversified and increased production capacity by incorporating 17 new plants into the group, acquiring some plants through mergers and acquisitions and others as greenfield facilities. A global sourcing platform was created through the establishment of strategic alliances with suppliers in Pakistan, India, and China. Today Coteminas operates a completely integrated, dynamic global supply chain in textiles from cotton all the way to the final consumer.

Mr. Gomes da Silva is founder and Chairman of the Board of Cantagalo General Grains S.A., a company with integrated operations including the production, commercialization, and distribution of grains. Josue is a Board member of Embraer. He also is President of the International Textile Manufacturers Federation– ITMF, and is Chairman of the Brazil Chapter of the Brazil-United States CEOs Forum-ICESP.

Mr. Gomes da Silva has a graduate degree in civil engineering from the Federal University of Minas Gerais (1986) and a law degree from Faculdade Milton Campos (Belo Horizonte, MG-1987). In 1989, he received a Master's of Business Administration from Vanderbilt, and was awarded Vanderbilt's Founder's Medal for First Honors in recognition of his academic achievement. He has received numerous tributes for his operations and entrepreneurial activities, including the Medalha da Ordem do Merito Industrial – CNI.