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Jeff DeGrange, Chief Commercial Officer, Impossible Objects Incorporated

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Ellen Lee, Ph.D., is the Additive Manufacturing/3D Printing Technical Leader responsible for the development and implementation of novel materials, processes, and applications of 3D printing technologies.

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