

## **Halil Kulluk**

Mr. Halil Kulluk is the Chairman of Intekno Group of Companies. He was born in Istanbul, in 1960. He studied at the University of Nottingham, England, and received his Bachelor of Science degree from the Department of Production Engineering and Management. Subsequently, he received his Master of Engineering degree from the Mechanical Engineering Department of Carnegie Mellon University in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, U.S.A. – in the field of Robotics and Computer Integrated Manufacturing. During 1985-1987 he worked as a Research Engineer and System Scientist at the Robotics Institute of Carnegie Mellon University. Later on, he became the Director of the Flexible Manufacturing Laboratory and the Principle Investigator of the ‘Factory of the Future for Small and Medium-sized Manufacturers’ project. In 1988, he founded the Manufacturing and Engineering Technology Application Center (METAC) and served as the Director of the Center for four years where he was actively involved in the creation and application of technology transfer models between the university and the industry in the fields of robotics, computer integrated manufacturing, artificial intelligence and expert systems. At the same time period, he was appointed as a Faculty Member by the Department of Mechanical Engineering where he taught in the area of manufacturing sciences. In 1987, in order to add an international perspective to his technology transfer activities, Kulluk founded International Technology & Knowledge Company, Inc. (Intekno) in Pittsburgh. This spin-off company from Carnegie Mellon University acted as the foundation for Intekno Technology Transfer Corporation which was started by Kulluk as result of growing activities between U.S.A. and Turkey. At present, Intekno Group conducts business between U.S.A, Europe, CIS countries and Turkey through its companies. Since 1999 he has been providing executive level consulting services for PNC Bank in Turkey for the marketing of U.S. Exim Bank related services. He is the Chairman of the Turkish-Georgian Business Council of DEIK (Foreign Economic Relations Board of Turkey). He speaks Turkish, English and French fluently.