

Deltech Receives UL Certification

Deltech Inc. announced that Intertek has certified that Deltech furnace control systems conform to UL508A standards. Standard safety features of the control systems include an emergency stop, door interlock, a safety relay and isolation switches.

Intertek's ETL Listed Mark is reportedly proof of product compliance to North American electrical safety standards. Authorities Having Jurisdiction (AHJs) in 50 states and Canada accept the ETL Listed Mark as proof of compliance. For additional information, visit www.deltechfurnaces.com.

U.S. Silica Exceeds 2012 Sustainability Targets

U.S. Silica announced it has exceeded all of its 2012 sustainability targets, including those for workplace safety, community investment and environmental protection. The company's sustainability report, "Connected," provides a summary of the company's goals and accomplishments over the past year.

Under the guidance of the company's Sustainability Council, the 2017 Bold Goals and Annual Targets are focused on three areas: people, planet and prosperity. Building on the company's last two reports, the latest edition reflects U.S. Silica's commitment to employees, neighbors, shareholders and the natural environment. It also underscores U.S. Silica's leadership in

Sacmi Supplies to Three Mexican Tile Companies

As the Mexican market continues to grow, three companies have reportedly chosen plant engineering solutions from Sacmi. Interceramic chose Sacmi to implement an expansion at its facility in Chihuahua, Mexico. The new plant, Planta 9B, will reportedly increase its large porcelain tile output by 3.5 million sq m per year. Key to the project are two Sacmi PH 3800 presses, equipped with a rapid mold changeover system that can allow a rapid response to a range of market needs. The high-performance presses can reportedly produce tiles as large as 600 x 1200.

Sacmi also supplied a FMP 2950 kiln over 140 m long. It is equipped with a heat recovery circuit and the Hercules control system to optimize performance and consumption. The plant is scheduled to officially come online on July 15.

The Lamosa-Porcelanite Group, another Mexican producer, has decided to focus on large sized tiles by choosing Sacmi plant engineering solutions. Its modernization and output enhancement program reportedly involves several factories: Planta Benito Juarez, where red body production line capacity is being doubled with PH 3800 presses combined with a FMP 2950 kiln; Planta Porcel, which is installing a PH 3200 (also with a rapid size changeover system); and Planta San Luis Potosí, where a new dryer for two new glazing lines is being installed. Lamosa-Porcelanite has also placed orders for the San José Iturbide Italgres 2 plant, where a PH 6500, reportedly the largest press currently operating in Mexico, will soon come online. The production line will also be upgraded to manage not only large tiles (600 x 1200) but also those of considerable thickness.

Vitromex, a ceramic company based in Saltillo at the San José Potosí facility, will reportedly receive a boost in terms of both output capacity and flexibility due to the installation of two PH 3590 presses, which will allow production of standard sizes (600 x 1200 and 600 x 900) and their every sub-multiple obtained by cutting and polishing. For additional details, visit www.sacmi.com.

sustainability efforts, ranging from tree plantings and wildlife preservation initiatives to financial and in-kind support for local charities and outreach groups. For additional information, visit www.ussilicasustain.com.

GE Aviation to Expand Ceramic Matrix Composite Production for Engine Components

GE Aviation plans to invest \$27 million and add up to 70 jobs over the next five years at its Newark, Del., facility. The facility, which currently employs 80, manufactures advanced aircraft engine components made of ceramic matrix composites (CMCs). Demand for CMC components in jet engines is expected to grow tenfold over the next decade.

The planned investment is intended to allow GE to develop a "Lean Lab" at this location. Lean Labs have reportedly become a staple of GE manufacturing, allowing for collaboration between engineering and manufacturing. For additional information, visit www.geaviation.com.

U.S. Solar Manufacturers Commend Research on China's Economic Impacts

The Coalition for American Solar Manufacturing (CASM) has commended two internationally known academicians on their new research and book about China's systematic approach to industrial and export subsidies to seize world market dominance. CASM said the book shines urgently needed light on the alarming role of Chinese government subsidies in precipitously mounting industrial and export expansions that can undercut prospects and jobs accompanying U.S. participation in key industries, including solar technology production.

The CASM praised *Subsidies to Chinese Industry: State Capitalism, Business Strategy, and Trade Policy* by Usha C.V. Haley and George T. Haley. The book explores China's "hidden advantage" of subsidies for strategic, capital-intensive industries as well as their trade, government and business impacts within the

steel, glass, paper, auto parts, and solar industries. For further details, visit www.americansolarmanufacturing.org.

AGC Donates Glass to Tornado-Damaged School in Japan

Asahi Glass Co. Ltd. (AGC) announced it will donate its disaster-resistant glass to Azuma Elementary School in Tsukuba City, Ibaraki Prefecture, Japan, as part of the effort to support the city, which was damaged by a tornado in May 2012. Approximately 140 sq m of glass at the school gymnasium, a designated evacuation center, will be replaced with AGC's disaster-resistant glass.

Disaster-resistant glass is a laminated glass designed to hold fragments in place when the glass breaks. It can effectively prevent damage during earthquakes, typhoons or strong winds, protecting people from being injured by glass fragments. For additional information, visit www.agc.com.

AVEKA Acquires CCE Technologies

AVEKA Inc. has acquired CCE Technologies Inc., a supplier of ultra-fine grinding and sizing solutions. The acquisition will reportedly complement AVEKA's portfolio by adding jet milling and air classification equipment and services to the group. The new entity will be named AVEKA CCE Technologies LLC. All jet milling and classification equipment sales and processing services will continue at the Cottage Grove, Minn., location. Visit www.aveka.com or www.ccetechnologies.com for additional information.

Ceramic Fuel Cells Signs Distribution Partnership with Novogaz

Ceramic Fuel Cells Ltd. (CFCL) has announced a distribution partnership with Novogaz SA, a subsidiary of Holdigaz Group. Under the agreement, the two partners will join forces in distributing the BlueGEN technology to the growing market for micro-CHPs in the French-speaking part of Switzerland. For more information, visit www.cfcl.com.au.

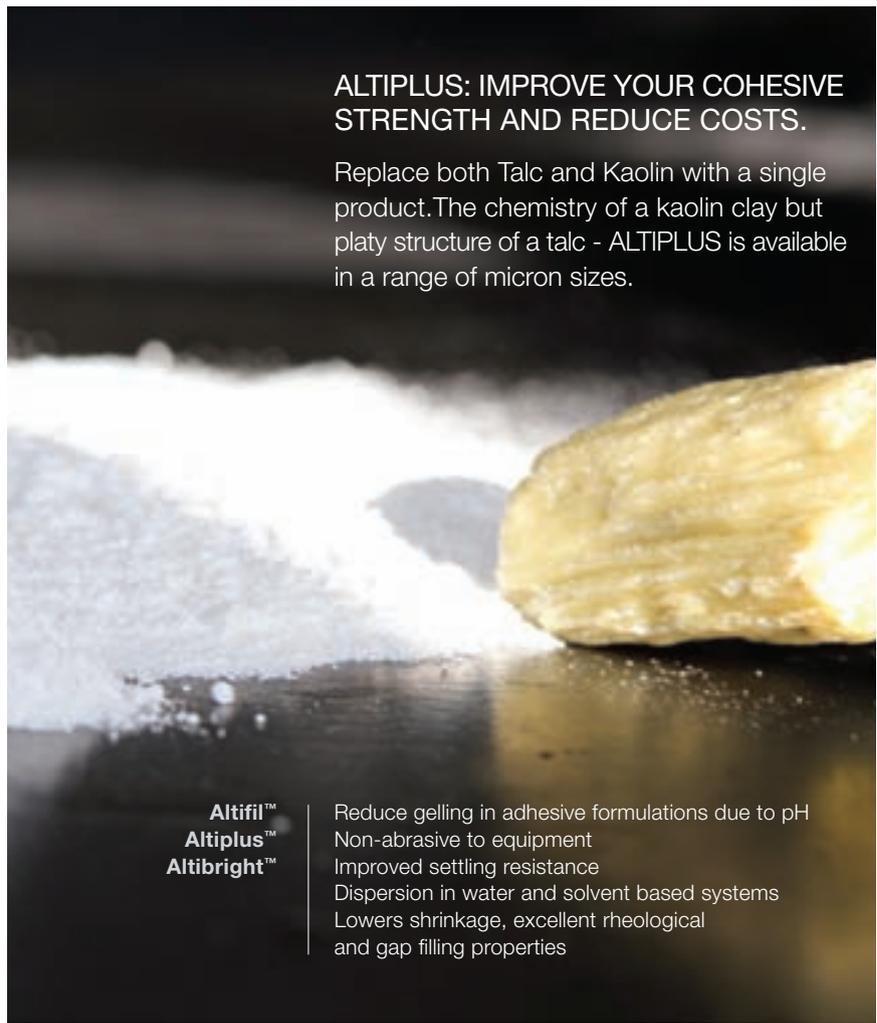
Owens Corning Acquires Thermafiber

Owens Corning has completed the acquisition of Thermafiber Inc., a leading manufacturer of mineral wool commercial and industrial

insulation products. The acquisition, which includes a 145,000-sq-ft manufacturing location in Wabash, Ind., provides Owens Corning with a broad insulation portfolio now encompassing fiberglass, foam,



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NSL Analytical Services Receives Leading EDGE Award

NSL Analytical Services Inc. has received a Leading EDGE award. The award was developed by The Entre-

preneurs EDGE to recognize value-creating, mid-sized companies in Northeast Ohio. Award recipients were reportedly identified by the value they create in the regional economy, based on a sum of their earnings before interest and taxes (EBIT) and total taxable compensation for all regional employees. For additional information, visit www.nslanalytical.com.

Niagara Ceramics, Longaberger Announce Partnership

The Longaberger Co. announced a partnership with Niagara Ceramics for production of its Woven Traditions pattern of pottery pieces. Longaberger will make the pottery in a 300,000-sq-ft facility—Longaberger® Pottery Works—located at Niagara Ceramics in Buffalo, N.Y.

“This is a historic and exciting step forward in our mission to create more American jobs and to support American craftsmanship,” said Tami Longaberger, CEO. “While Longaberger baskets have always been made in America, bringing pottery to U.S.-made is a major milestone for the company.”

“When Tami challenged us to bring everything in our line back to Made in America, we knew we needed to start with pottery,” said Mike Trempe, president and COO of Longaberger. “What we didn’t know was whether we could find the right domestic partner to make it possible for us to become our own pottery maker. We’re thrilled to have found the skills we need here in Buffalo.” For additional information, visit www.longaberger.com or www.niagaraceramics.com.

Diamond America Relaunches Brand

Diamond America has initiated an international relaunch of its brand. The relaunch is reportedly part of the company’s plans to expand its services into developing petroleum-chemical technologies while further solidifying its leadership position in the development of extrusion equipment.

The relaunch comprises two major initiatives. First, it will introduce a new brand positioning: “Extrusion Equipment—Designed to work. Built to last.” Second, it intends to strengthen branding and marketing efforts with improved graphics and clear messaging that increases awareness of the benefits of knowledge-based consultation and design/build services. For more information, visit www.diamondamericacorp.com.

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