

Resco Cements a Future for National Refractories' Products

As the New Year rang in, Resco began integrating a whole series of new products into its plants. Resco acquired certain brand names, formulations, molds and dies from National Refractories and Minerals Corporation on December 17, 2002. Resco did not purchase any of the National manufacturing facilities.

Many of the brands that Resco purchased are familiar to customers in the cement and lime industries. Generally the integration is proceeding as follows:

- National's burned basic brick (including HOTZONE brands) are being manufactured at Resco's Marelán, Quebec plant near Montreal.
- Extra high alumina brick (~90% Al₂O₃) have also been transferred to the Marelán, Quebec plant.
- High alumina brick in the 50% to 85% alumina range (primarily the ALUMEX brands) are being produced at Resco's East Canton, Ohio plant.
- High alumina and fireclay castables, gunning mixes and shotcreting products are in production at our Greensboro, NC facility. These products include KRICON, EZ³ and EZ CAST mixes.

The actual press release is available at our website, www.rescoproducts.com.



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NRMC Brands Favored by Cement and Lime Customers

The following products were acquired by Resco are now being made in Resco's plants:

HOTZONE 80 - Versatile 80% Magnesia-chrome refractory for cement and lime kiln transition and burning zones

HOTZONE 85 SP - Classical 85% MgO spinel brick for cement kiln transition zones; contains fused spinel

ALUMEX P-7 - High strength, alkali resistant phosphate-bonded 70% alumina brick for discharge and calcining zones of rotary cement kilns

ALUMEX 60-HS - Alkali-resistant burned 60% alumina class brick for cement kiln calcining zones and rotary lime recovery kiln burning zones

KRICON 32-70 XR - High quality, low-cement castable refractory for cement and lime kiln nose rings, kiln sections, burner pipes and other general applications

PROGUN 26-LI - Gunning mix with excellent application characteristics for fast installations in preheaters, tertiary air ducts, firing hoods and coolers



ALUMEX P-7 rotary kiln shapes are made at Resco's East Canton, OH plant.

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EZ CAST® 2700 - Self-flowing castable used in cement clinker cooler repairs

EZ³ 3000 - Pumpable castable and shotcrete mix for general preheater and cooler maintenance

EZ³ 20-60 - Shotcrete mix containing 60% silicon carbide for build-up management in cement kiln preheater riser ducts and vessels



National's raw material basis, formulation, size and shape specification and manufacturing process of each product are to be duplicated in Resco's facilities. Resco, of course, continues to manufacture it's own products alongside the National brands.

ISO Certification

Three of Resco's plants and the company headquarters have been certified by CICS (Ceramic Industry Certification Scheme) under the new ISO 9001:2000 standards. Resco's East Canton, OH high alumina brick plant has achieved certification under this standard. Our Hammond, IN and Marelán, Quebec plants have had their existing certification upgraded to the new standard.

Editor's Corner

Editors Notes

"Although the face of Resco has literally changed over the past 5 years, its goal remains success for the long run based on credible and innovative products." I wrote this statement here last fall. At the time, I had no idea there was more change in the wind. The array of products from NRMC compliments Resco's offering of credible products.



Some things that make me proud of Resco: the commitment, hard work and cooperation to make the integration of National's brands successful; the focus I see on trying to meet every customer's delivery need in the face of significant increases in our plant loadings; the dedication of our customer service representatives who process your orders and get them shipped; and an equally strong dedication of our plantworkers to get the orders made.

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New 800 - Phone Number for Resco's Headquarters

Recently Resco installed a new toll free number for the main office. It is **888-283-5505**. The menu for departments lists the following keys:

- Account receivables - 2
- Company directory - 3
- Human resources - 4
- Sales order assistance - 5

