

CoorsTek Acquires Saint-Gobain Advanced Ceramics

CoorsTek expands technical capabilities, product lines, and geographical reach

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January 3, 2011 – Golden, Colorado – CoorsTek, Inc., now the world’s largest technical ceramics manufacturer, announced today the completion of the purchase of the advanced ceramics business of Saint-Gobain. Augmenting an already expansive market presence, CoorsTek now owns and operates 44 facilities on four continents.

Specifically, CoorsTek adds six manufacturing facilities in Europe, four in the United States, one each in Canada, Mexico, and Brazil, and distribution and sales offices in Japan, China, Taiwan, and Singapore. Product lines and materials added include: silicon carbide for use in semiconductor processing equipment; proprietary silicon carbide ceramic blends used in hot surface ignition systems; silicon nitride used to make extremely durable bearings; mullite used in molten metal filtration; steatite for electrical appliance markets; and specialty ceramics for custom, critical-duty applications. For more detailed information about the expanded product offerings, visit <http://www.coorstek.com/sgb-acquisition.asp>.

“Two industry leaders with decades of innovative, high-quality performance now operate as a larger, more capable CoorsTek,” states John K. Coors, Chairman, President, and CEO of CoorsTek, Inc. “We offer our customers expanded material and processing capabilities, product offerings, and geographical reach,” he continues.

More about CoorsTek

Celebrating its 100th year in business, CoorsTek is the largest technical ceramics manufacturer in the world with facilities in the Americas, Europe, and Asia.

CoorsTek supplies critical components and complete assemblies for defense, medical, automotive, semiconductor, aerospace, electronic, power generation, telecommunication, and other high-technology applications. Utilizing advanced material technologies, the company's engineered solutions enable its customers' products to overcome technological barriers and improve performance. For more information about CoorsTek, please visit the Company's website at www.coorstek.com.

More about Saint-Gobain

Located in 64 countries with over 190,000 employees, Saint-Gobain, the world leader in the habitat and construction markets, designs, manufactures and distributes building materials, providing innovative solutions to meet growing demand in emerging and mature countries, for energy efficiency and for environmental protection. For more information, please visit <http://www.saint-gobain.com>.

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