

## Press release

### **Refratechnik and Horn have jointly opted for production sites in Germany**

Refratechnik Steel GmbH (Düsseldorf/Germany) is pleased to enter a production joint venture with Horn & Co. Minerals & Products Management GmbH (Siegen/Germany), and in this context to further expand and operate the Horn Group's factory for magnesia carbon bricks in Hünsborn near Siegen as "Refratechnik Horn Produktions GmbH". Refratechnik Steel, majority shareholder in the joint venture, and a company of the Refratechnik Group, has found an ideal partner for the production of MACARBON® bricks for the steelmaking industry.

Both internationally respected German companies in the refractory business bring important competences together: Refratechnik's expertise in product development, production, and application in steelworks, and Horn's specialist know-how in recycling und preparation of raw materials.

With raw materials from own mines and plants, and with reclaims produced in Germany, the Refratechnik Group takes another consistent and important step on the way to a circular economy as well as resource independence and conservation. This results in new possibilities for future-oriented technical and ecological concepts "Made in Germany". Dependencies, particularly from Chinese markets, are reduced. Thanks to the production site's central location in Germany, a reliable supply and short delivery times are ensured for customers in Europe.

Headquartered in Munich, and with more than 1900 employees in 27 locations worldwide, the Refratechnik Group is active in the refractory industry, and also in the field of industrial minerals. During more than 70 years, Refratechnik has acquired an outstanding reputation with pioneering products and services for high-temperature processes, e.g. in the cement, lime, iron & steel, non-ferrous, and the ceramics industries.

Since 1922, the Horn Group has been active in the reworking of steel mill slag and the provision of services in the steel industry. Closely involved in steelmaking processes, Horn sees themselves as service partner for handling, reworking, and disposal of all kinds of accrued solid waste.

Further information: [www.refra.com](http://www.refra.com), [www.horn-co.de](http://www.horn-co.de)

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