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Teksid Iron Foundries Adopt SinterCast Technology

In response to the increasing momentum toward Compacted Graphite Iron (CGI) in the passenger car and commercial vehicle sectors, Teksid S.p.A. of Italy has entered into an agreement with the Swedish company SinterCast AB for the supply of CGI process control technology. The SinterCast System 2000 process control system will initially be installed at the Teksid iron foundry in Crescentino, Italy. Under the terms of the agreement, Teksid will be able to use the SinterCast technology at any of its nine iron foundries worldwide to support the CGI product development and production needs of its automotive customers.

“We have worked together with SinterCast since 1992 to produce CGI prototypes and to support the development activities of our customers”, said Dr. Riccardo Tarantini, General Manager of Teksid’s Cast Iron Business Unit. “Now, as the development activity of our customers intensifies, we are pleased to formalise our relationship with SinterCast and to install the System 2000 technology. We are committed to establishing Teksid as one of the leading CGI suppliers to the world automotive industry”.

Dr Steve Dawson, President & CEO of SinterCast said: “The Agreement with Teksid again reinforces the industrial trend toward CGI and SinterCast’s position as the leading supplier of CGI process control technology. The collaboration with Teksid significantly broadens our ability to supply the CGI needs of the world automotive industry”.

Teksid Cast Iron Business Unit is one of the largest independent iron foundry companies in the world with a combined capacity of its automotive foundries in Italy, France, Portugal, Poland, Brazil, Mexico and China of around 750,000 tonnes per year. The production that includes cylinder blocks, cylinder heads, exhaust manifolds, crankshafts, camshafts and suspension components for passenger and commercial vehicles is destined to the major customers worldwide such as Cummins, DaimlerChrysler, Deutz AG, FIAT GM Powertrain, Ford, GM, Honda, Iveco, Mack Truck, Nissan, Renault, Scania, Toyota, Volkswagen, Volvo. Teksid Cast Iron Business Unit, is the only foundry company in the world to rank among the top 75 suppliers to the automotive industry, with annual sales of around USD 600 million (financial 2001).

SinterCast is the world’s leading supplier of automated on-line process control systems for the reliable high-volume production of CGI. With process control systems installed at eight foundries, including Caterpillar in the USA, Cifunsa in Mexico, Daros in Sweden, Halberg in Germany, ICC-International in the USA, SKF-Mekan in Sweden, Tupy in Brazil and VDP in Italy, SinterCast’s customers include Audi, Caterpillar, Daros Piston Rings, Ford, Rolls Royce Power Engineering and the SKF Group.

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