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## **SHINAGAWA Group: New Continuous Casting Refractories Plant in Anshan, China**

On September 15, SHINAGAWA REFRA and its joint venture company, Liaoning Shinagawa Anshan Refractory Material Co., Ltd. (Shinagawa Anshan), held a completion ceremony for Shinagawa Anshan's new Continuous Casting Refractory Plant in Anshan, China.



Ribbon cutting ceremony

The ceremony was attended by representatives from SHINAGAWA REFRA, including Masanori Ogata, Representative Director and Senior Managing Executive Officer; Heiki Miki, Representative Director and Senior Managing Executive Officer; Takuya

Fujita, Executive Officer; and Tadaaki Yamaguchi, Managing Executive Officer, as well as Mr. Tao Li, President of Shinagawa Anshan and representative of the joint venture partner.



Dr. Ogata and Mr. Tao Li during their opening statements

Established in 2008, Shinagawa Anshan has traditionally specialized in the manufacture of mold flux. With the completion of the new plant, the company has now expanded its manufacturing capabilities to include refractories for continuous casting. By manufacturing mold flux alongside ladle shrouds and nozzles, Shinagawa Anshan will be able to support a more comprehensive approach to optimizing continuous casting operations for the steel industry.



Cold Isostatic Press in new facility

SHINAGAWA REFRA is promoting the sales of refractories and mold flux to help

customers optimize the continuous casting process. Shinagawa Anshan will be SHINAGAWA's first overseas site where both products are manufactured at the same location, creating an important foundation for this approach.

The new plant also houses SHINAGAWA's first R&D center outside Japan, establishing an integrated structure for the research, development, and manufacturing of high-quality refractories. This will enable the company to respond more closely and efficiently to the needs of customers in overseas markets.

Going forward, the plant is expected to become an important base for supplying products for continuous casting, one of SHINAGAWA's core areas of expertise, to customers not only in China but around the world.

As part of the Group's PROXIMITY initiative, Shinagawa Anshan marks a new starting point for expanding SHINAGAWA's global presence and creating new opportunities for growth.