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SHINAGAWA REFRA Group: Expanding its Strategic Partnership with Saint-Gobain in India for Blast Furnace Trough & Runner Solutions

SHINAGAWA REFRA CO., LTD. (“SHINAGAWA”) is pleased to announce the expansion of its strategic partnership with Saint-Gobain Performance Ceramics & Refractories through its Indian subsidiary, Grindwell Norton Limited (GNO), to provide Trough & Runner Castable solutions for blast furnaces serving the Indian steel industry.

The partnership will operate under the joint brand: “Shinagawa Refra Group – Saint-Gobain.”



A key feature of this expanded collaboration is the transfer of technology from within SHINAGAWA REFRA Group’s global network. Unlike the existing Tap Hole Clay technical license, which was transferred from SHINAGAWA Japan to GNO/Saint-Gobain, this new agreement for Trough & Runner solutions is based on technologies developed by SHINAGAWA’s Brazilian group company, Shinagawa Refratários do Brasil.



This collaboration represents a significant milestone in the ongoing relationship between SHINAGAWA and Saint-Gobain. Building upon the successful license transfer of Tap Hole Clay solutions to major blast furnaces in India, the partnership now expands into additional refractory applications to address the increasingly demanding operational requirements in the steel sector.

The transfer of technology from Brazil highlights the global technical strengths within the SHINAGAWA REFRA Group and reflects the “One SHINAGAWA” initiative, promoting collaboration and knowledge sharing across regions to best serve customers worldwide.

Under the agreement, Trough & Runner Castables will be manufactured by Saint-Gobain at its Halol facility in India in accordance with SHINAGAWA-approved technical expertise, production processes, and quality standards. This ensures consistent product quality, operational reliability, and close customer support.

This partnership further demonstrates SHINAGAWA REFRA Group’s commitment to leveraging global expertise across its network while supporting the long-term growth and sustainability of the steel industry worldwide.