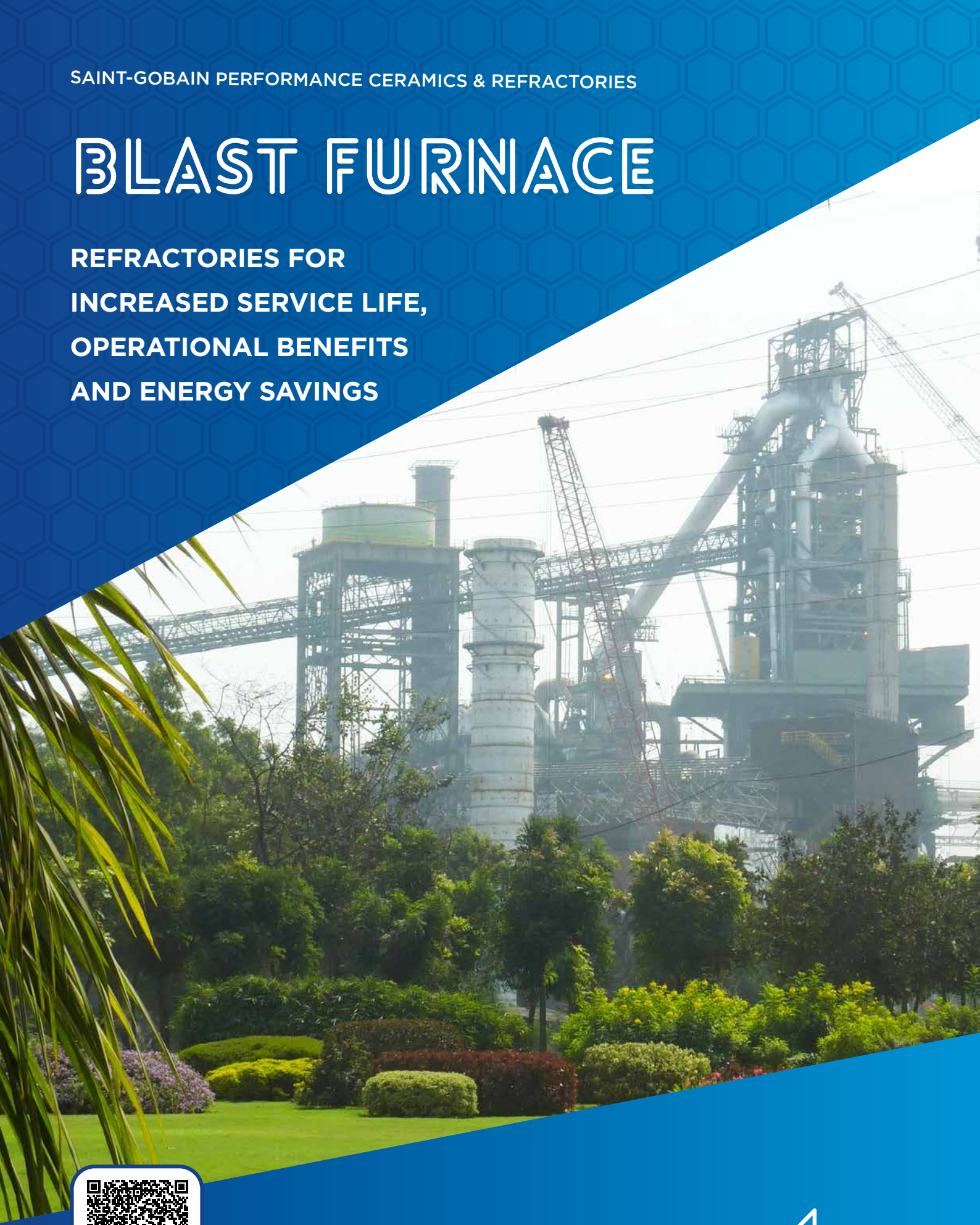
SAINT-GOBAIN PERFORMANCE CERAMICS & REFRACTORIES

BLAST FURNACE

REFRACTORIES FOR INCREASED SERVICE LIFE, OPERATIONAL BENEFITS AND ENERGY SAVINGS



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VALUE PROPOSITION

IRON MAKING

SOLUTIONS TO
EXTEND BLAST FURNACE LIFE-TIME

GENERAL AREAS SERVED

Crude steel production begins with the reduction process, whereby iron ore reacts with carbon sources inside the blast furnace. It is imperative that refractory products used inside the blast furnace are resistant to these thermomechanical and thermochemical reactions.

Saint-Gobain Performance Ceramics & Refractories designs, engineers and supplies a comprehensive range of high quality refractory products and solutions, specifically developed for blast furnaces.

SAFE ENERGY, REDUCE CO_2 EMMISSION

'INSULATE' YOUR BLAST FURNACE HEARTH

With its insulating effect compared to a pure carbon hearth the Ceramic Cup reduces the coke consumption and the CO_2 emission at the same time. With the CO_2 certificate trading already existing in Europe - for other regions/countries to come - and with coke prices increasing the money saving effect will become a more and more important factor.

We provide ceramic materials designed to meet your needs:

- QUALITY
- EFFICIENCY
- CUSTOM DESIGN

BENEFIT FROM OUR SERVICES

DESIGN & ENGINEERING
Customized Solutions

We measure our success with your operating results. To enhance your performance, our team of passionate top skilled engineers are ready to develop the best adapted solutions for your needs. Our engineers tackle your design challenges with forefront equipment at your service with great experience/knowledge.

- Full BF design including Carbon
- Thermal Calculations using Ansys
- Repairs
- Large Block Size Capability

R&D FOCUS
Among TOP 100 Global Innovators

R&D is part of the DNA of the Group, ranked as one of the top 100 innovators in the world. For our ceramics and refractory activity, we invest strategically in innovation to bring you the most efficient solutions developed at Saint-Gobain Research Provence, our center for R&D in Europe with a specialized team dedicated to Blast Furnace application.

QUALITY SUPPLY

International and global network of divisions and suppliers allow us to access the best quality inputs for our materials. Innovation focuses on material properties to supply solutions specifically adapted to Blast furnace application.

- Top Quality Grades
- Wide Range of Grades

EXPERTISE
More than 50 years of experience

Rich experience constitutes our total design capability that is unique and unsurpassed, thanks also to the knowledge gained via companies such as Savoie Refractories and Carborundum.

INSTALLATION

More than 350 references that have built our market recognition

- Supervision
- Technical assistance

INCREASED LIFETIME
Improve your blast furnace lining

Supplying all required refractory products specifically developed to extend BF lifetime. Unparalleled experience in BF design supply for over 50 years and several hundred references, relying on global production capacity with factories positioned worldwide to serve all areas.

OUR PRODUCTION FACILITIES ARE CERTIFIED BY:

QUALITY
DIN EN ISO 9001

ENVIRONMENT
DIN EN ISO 14001

OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY
OHSAS 18001

FULL SUPPLY

Saint-Gobain Performance Ceramics & Refractories has over 50 years of experience in blast furnace refractory design. The company continually develops new and improved materials, adapting to industry trends and evolving customer requirements.

IMPROVE SERVICE LIFE OF YOUR BLAST FURNACE

1 UPPER STACK

In this low temperature area, abrasion by the solid burden is the primary mode of wear. Our silicon carbide has proven to be cost-effective solution.

Refrax® 20 SBF

2 LOWER STACK

Abrasion by the coke burden is still a concern but driven by an increasing temperature, in depth attack by Alkali and Zinc vapor become predominant. Our Refrax® 20 SBF is a worldwide recognized reference for this application.

Refrax® 20 SBF | Sicanit AL3 | MS2 R

3 BOSH & BELLY

In addition to Alkali and Zinc attack, the occurrence of molten iron and slag calls for SiAlON bonded materials. We recommended either our silicon carbide Sicanit AL3 or our Corundum based Coranit® 3S. The final decision dependes on thermal conductivity requirement (low, to save energy, or high, to promote a protective skull).

Sicanit AL3 | Coranit® 3S | Refrax® 20 SBF

4 TUYERE BELT

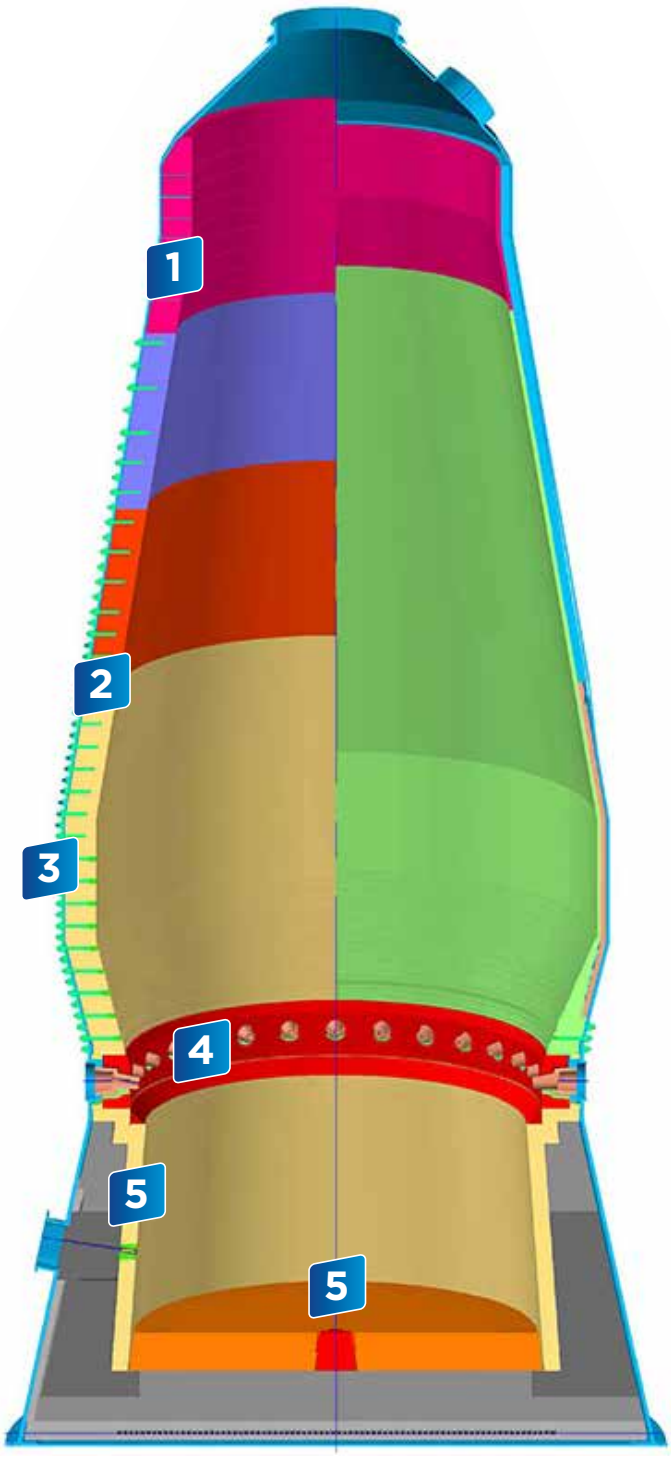
The tuyere sourrundings experience high heat load and thermal shock in combination with corrosion by molten iron and slag and intense Alkali and Zinc vapor attacks. Backed by a unique range of refractory materials, including silicon nitride or SiAlON bonded shapes and pre-formed no and low cement castables, our engineered tuyere sourrounings will fit best to the specific requirements of your Blast Furnace operation.

MonoCoral | MonoGuard | Sicanit TB

5 HEARTH

Traditionally, blast furnace hearths are lined with high thermal conductive carbon-based materials. Placed inside the carbon lining the concept of the Saint-Gobain Ceramic Cup is an example where a specific advanced design and material quality render significant benefit to blast furnace operators in terms of lifetime extension and operational efficiency. Beware of cheap copies on the Ceramic Cup. Design (avoiding high stress, and items floating off) Material Quality (to ensure slow wear) and correct Installation all need to be correct to ensure good lifetime.

Coranit® SlagR | Coranit® AL | MS4 F



OUR PHILOSOPHY - ENHANCING PERFORMANCE

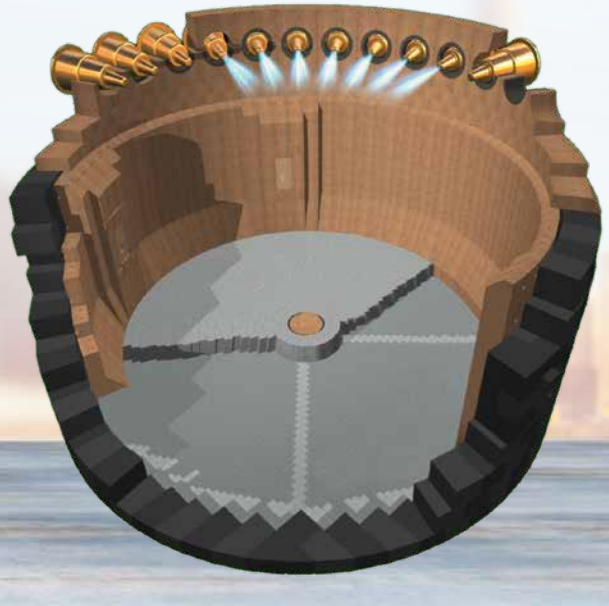
Saint-Gobain has pioneered and promoted "Ceramic Cup" technology since 1982. We have learned a lot over last four decades. We are now into our third generation of design (SiAlON bonded corundum – "Coranit®") and have recently developed a new improved quality called Coranit® SlagR.

Detailed feedback from users has shown that the "Coranit®" grade wears very gradually over the lifetime of the hearth. 400 mm thickness has been shown to last 9 years or more. After the Ceramic Cup has worn, the carbon then wears quite rapidly until an equilibrium is reached whereby the hot face is sufficiently cooled to allow a self-protecting "skull" to form.

Operators are then able to maintain a stable "skull" to achieve required campaign lifetime. It has been observed on many occasions however that when the protective "skull" is lost the carbon can be worn away very rapidly resulting in dangerous situations. The Ceramic Cup does not depend on a "skull" to achieve its intended lifetime.

We can design your Blast Furnace Hearth using the following PHILOSOPHY:
Hot-Face of Ceramic Cup, with just enough thickness of carbon behind to allow a protective "skull" to build-up. No point in having too thick carbon as it will quickly wear to the equilibrium point.

In a perfect world the operator is able to achieve an eternal hearth lifetime by maintaining forever the protective "skull." In this case, there is no need for Ceramic Cup. Unfortunately, we do not live in a "perfect world". Operators get the benefit of maybe 10 years lifetime on the Ceramic Cup before needing to stabilise the "skull" (and avoid water leakages, variable raw materials, unplanned stoppages, large-dense dead-man formation, productivity variations etc.). It is this assurance that operators are given when adopting Saint-Gobain Ceramic Cup technology."



BENEFITS

- Longer hearth lifetime
- Reduction of CO_2 emissions
- Lower energy consumption
- Faster start-ups

Visit our website and contact us today.

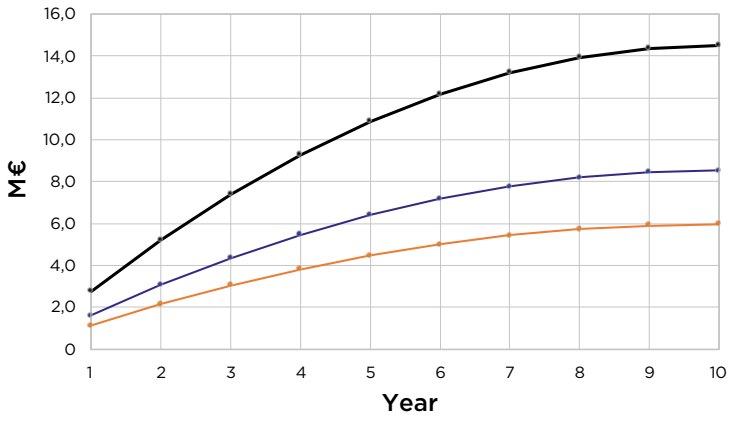
CERAMIC CUP SOLUTION

UP TO
59%
ENERGY SAVINGS*

Designed to boost the performance of Blast Furnace, withstanding the severe conditions inside Blast Furnace hearth. Applicable also in other parts of BF that face extreme conditions. Heat flow from the hearth wall/bottom are in the ratio of approximately 80:20.

With a Ceramic Cup wall the thermal conductivity of the Coranit® is around 3.5 W/mK at 1000°C whereas many super-micropore carbons are over 20 W/mK. Heat flow at hearth wall drops from around 15 W/m² with carbon to 5 W/m² with a Coranit® Ceramic Cup. It is clear that heat flow reduction is good for the environment, good for economy!

Ceramic Cup Savings (M€) after "x" years:



- By direct coke saving
- By CO_2 tax saving (M€)
- Cumulated Total (M€)**

TOTAL COKE SAVINGS	20 kt
TOTAL CO_2 SAVINGS	65 kt

Graph: case study calculated on an existing blast furnace wih ceramic cup (hearth diameter 11m)
*In hearth with Saint-Gobain Ceramic Cup
**Based on a coke price 260 US$/t and CO_2 cost 55 €/t

CERAMIC CUP WALL

Pioneering this solution since 1982, Saint-Gobain recently developed a 3rd generation of Coranit® Ceramic Cup quality with enhanced the characteristics.

SIALON BONDED CORUNDUM BRICK

Coranit® SlagR

- Improved mechanical stability
- Better slag/iron resistance
- Excellent abrasion resistance

Coranit® AL

- Iron / slag corrosion resistant
- Good abrasion resistance
- Alkali corrosion resistance

CERAMIC CUP PAD

Best solutions to protect the bottom of the Blast Furnace, with materials that are highly resistant to Iron.

HIGH ALUMINA BRICK

MS4 F is well suited for hearth pad application. It can be provided in circular and herring bone design.

TUYERE BELT SOLUTION

Big block tailor-made that can be customized according to your needs. There is no universal quality that has been accepted as recognized solution for tuyere belt, carbonaceous materials as well as SiC or Al_2O_3 are used but we suggest our three top performing materials. Each operator can decide the best solution depending on what he considers to be the main wear mechanism for his Blast Furnace (refractoriness, slag/iron attack, oxidation attack, alkali attack, abrasion etc.).

MonoCoral

- The original Ultra-Low Cement Corundum
- Big Block with 89% alumina
- Almost 100 references for tuyere and counting

MonoGuard

- Improved Corundum Big Block
- Increased Iron and slag resistance
- High strength and stability

Sicanit TB

- Pre-assembled sialon bonded SiC bricks
- Combines the properties of SiAlON bonded bricks with same easy and fast installation as for a pre-cast block

BOSH

As for Bosh application, Sicanit AL3 (SiAlON bonded SiC) with improved alkali and oxidation resistance or Coranit® 3S (sialon bonded corundum) are most often chosen, the latter when low thermal conductivity is required.

Refrax® 20 SBF or Alfrax® 85 MS2 A can also be chosen for lower stack. In addition to alkali and zinc attack, the occurrence of molten iron and slag calls for:alkali attack, abrasion etc.).

SILICON CARBIDE
SiAlON / Nitride bonded
Sicanit AL3

CORUNDUM
SiAlON bonded
Coranit® 3S

SILICON CARBIDE
Nitride bonded
Refrax® 20 SBF

CERAMIC CUP

MORE THAN
102
references for Ceramic Cup

YEAR	CUSTOMER	LOCATION	COUNTRY	BF-N.	HEARTH DIA (M)	BOTTOM	CERAMIC CUP
2022	DK Recycling	Duisburg	Germany	3	5,5	Coranit® SlagR	Coranit® SlagR
2022	Salzgitter	Salzgitter	Germany	A	11,2	-	Coranit® SlagR / Coranit® AL
2021	POSCO	Pohang	South Korea	4	14,96	-	Coranit® SlagR
2020	ArcelorMittal Juiz de Fora	Juiz de Fora	Brazil	1 & 2	4,3	Alfrax® 75 TCN	Coranit®
2019	Isdemir	Iskenderun	Turkey	1	12,5	-	Coranit® SlagR
2019	Erdemir	Eregli	Turkey	2	10,0	-	Coranit® SlagR
2019	Baosteel	Baoshan	China	2	14,2	-	Coranit® SlagR
2019	NLMK	Lipetsk	Russia	4	10,3	-	Coranit® AL
2019	TISCO Taiyuan	Taiyuan	China	5	14,1	-	Coranit® AL
2018	Thyssen Krupp Stahl	Schwelgern	Germany	1	13,6	-	Coranit® SlagR
2017	Voest Alpine Stahl	Linz	Austria	A	12	MS4	Coranit® AL
2016	ArcelorMittal	Bremen	Germany	2	12	MS4	Coranit® AL
2016	NLMK	Lipetsk	Russia	6	12,3	-	Coranit® AL
2016	ArcelorMittal	Eisenhüttenst.	Germany	5A	9,75	MS4	Coranit® AL
2015	Tata Corus Ijmuiden	Ijmuiden	Netherland	7	13,8	MS4, MS10	Coranit® AL
2013	Jindal Steel Power Ltd	Raigarh	India	1	6,5	MS4R	MonoCoral
2013	Dillingen Rogesa	Dillingen	Germany	4	11,2	48% Al_2O_3	Coranit® AL
2012	HKM	Huckingen	Germany	B	11	MS4	Coranit® AL
2011	Bhilai steel	Bhilai	India	8	13,4	MS4R	Coranit® AL
2011	Hyundai	Danjin	South Korea	3	14,8	70% Al_2O_3 48% Al_2O_3	Coranit® AL
2011	ThyssenKrupp Stahl	Schwelgern	Germany	2	14,9	48% Al_2O_3	Coranit® AL

TUYERE BELT

139
references since 1986

YEAR	CUSTOMER	LOCATION	COUNTRY	BF-N.	HEARTH DIA (M)	TUYERES
2023	ArcelorMittal Gent	Gent	Belgium	A	11,4	MonoCORAL Sicanit TB
2021	Voest Alpine Stahl	Linz	Austria	5	8,0	MonoGUARD
2020	ArcelorMittal Tubarão	Serra	Brazil	3	12,5	Refrax® 20 SBF (bricks)
2020	ArcelorMittal Juiz de Fora	Juiz de Fora	Brazil	1 & 2	4,3	MonoCORAL
2020	HKM Mannesmann	Huckingen	Germany	B	11,0	MonoCORAL, inserts Coranit® 3S below Coranit® 3S
2019	DK Recycling	Duisburg	Germany	3	5,5	MonoCORAL & MonoGUARD
2019	ArcelorMittal Gent	Gent	Belgium	B	10,9	Upper Graphite RFH Lower MonoGUARD
2019	CSN	Volta Redonda	Brazil	3	13,5	Refrax® 20 SBF (bricks)
2018	Thyssen Krupp Stahl	Schwelgern	Germany	1	13,6	MonoCoral
2017	ArcelorMittal	Bremen	Germany	2	12	Sicanit TM Sicanit AL3
2017	DK Recycling	Duisburg	Germany	3	5,5	Sicanit TM
2016	EKO Stahl	Eisenhüttenst.	Germany	5A	9,75	MonoGuard
2016	Voest Alpine Stahl	Linz	Austria	6	8	MonoGuard
2014	Voest Alpine Stahl	Linz	Austria	5	8	MonoGuard
2014	JSW Dolvi	Dolvi	India	1	13,8	MonoCoral
2014	SG PAM	Pont à Mous- son	France	3	5,68	MonoCoral
2014	Voest Alpine Stahl	Linz	Austria	A	12	MonoGuard
2013	ArcelorMittal	Newcastle	S.Africa	5	10,14	MonoCoral
2013	Voest Alpine Donawitz	Donawitz	Austria	1	8	MonoCoral
2013	Jindal Steel Power Ltd	Raigarh	India	1	6,5	MonoCoral
2013	Dillingen Rogesa	Dillingen	Germany	4	11,2	MonoGuard
2012	HKM	Huckingen	Germany	B	11	MonoCoral Coranit®
2011	Bhilai steel	Bhilai	India	8	13,4	Refrax® 20 SBF

BOSH & STACK

128
references for Bosh and
88 for Stack since 1982

YEAR	CUSTOMER	LOCATION	COUNTRY	BF-N.	HEARTH DIA (M)	BOSH	STACK
2024	Voest Alpine Linz	Linz	Austria	6	8	Sicanit AL3	-
2023	Jai Raj Ispat	Hyderabad	India	-	5,3	Sicanit AL3	-
2023	Voest Alpine Linz	Linz	Austria	5	8,0	-	Sicanit AL3
2023	Oyak Isdemir	Iskenderun	Turkey	3	12,5	Sicanit AL3	-
2023	TATA Iymuiden	Ijmuiden	Netherlands	6	11,0	Sicanit AL3	-
2021	WELSPUN	Anjar	India	1	5,5	Sicanit AL3	-
2021	Voest Alpine Stahl	Linz	Austria	5	8,0	Sicanit AL3	-
2020	ArcelorMittal Taranto	Taranto	Italy	4	10,8	Sicanit AL3	-
2019	Oyak Isdemir	Iskenderun	Turkey	1	12.5	Sicanit AL3	-
2018	JSW Toranagallu	Toranagallu	India	3	14.9	Sicanit AL3	-
2018	Stelco	Stelco	Canada	1	10,1	-	Refrax® 20 SBF KE60
2018	TATA Port-Talbot	Port-Talbot	Great-Britain	5	10,8	-	Sicanit AL3
2017	Voest Alpine Stahl	Linz	Austria	A	12	-	Refrax® 20 SBF
2017	USS Gary	Gary	USA	8	-	-	Refrax® 20 SBF
2016	ArcelorMittal	Bremen	Germany	2	12	Refrax® 20 SBF	-
2016	NLMK	Lipetsk	Russia	7	13,1	Sicanit AL3	-
2014	JSW Dolvi	Dolvi	India	1	13,8	Sicanit AL3	-
2014	Bhushan Steel Ltd	Orissa	India	2	13	Sicanit AL3	-
2014	HKM	Huckingen	Germany	B	11	Refrax® 20SBF	MS10
2014	SG PAM	Pont à Mous-son	France	3	5,68	43% Al_2O_3	43% Al_2O_3
2013	Tata steel Ltd	Kalinganagar	India	1	13,9	-	-
2013	Voest Alpine Stahl	Linz	Austria	A	12	Coranit®	-
2013	ArcelorMittal	Newcastle	S.Africa	5	10,14	Refrax® 20 SBF	-

SAINT-GOBAIN 2023

Derwent Top 100 Global Innovator 2023
Clarivate Analytics

top EMPLOYER GLOBAL 2024

1 IN 4
PRODUCTS
did not exist 5 years ago

160,000
EMPLOYEES

47.9 BILLION
SALES IN 2023

REPRESENTED IN 76
COUNTRIES

CO_2 -34 %
CARBON EMISSIONS REDUCTION
(vs. 2017 on scope 1+2)

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MAIN R&D CENTRES

OUR PURPOSE

MAKING THE WORLD A BETTER HOME.

OUR MISSION

Saint-Gobain designs, manufactures and distributes materials and solutions which are key ingredients in the well-being of each of us and the future of all.

WE ARE COMMITTED TO ACHIEVING NET ZERO CARBON EMISSIONS BY 2050

SAINT-GOBAIN

PERFORMANCE CERAMICS & REFRACTORIES

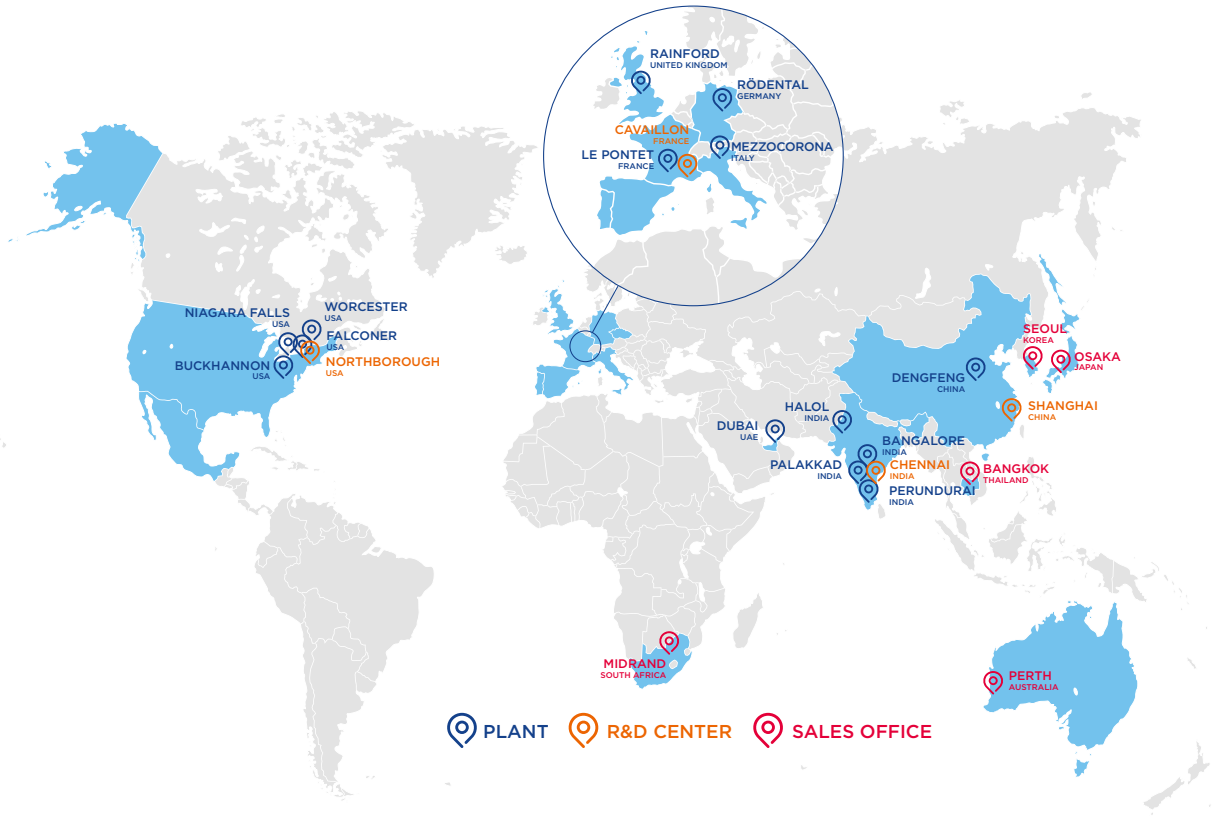
OUR MISSION

To design, develop and **supply solutions** and **services** for **extreme operating industrial conditions.** Our **engineered ceramics** and **refractory** products are manufactured to the **highest industrial standards** and deliver **enhanced performance** while **minimizing environmental impact.**

PIONEERING CERAMIC SOLUTIONS FOR EXTREME INDUSTRIAL APPLICATIONS AND A GREENER WORLD.

SAINT-GOBAIN PERFORMANCE CERAMICS & REFRACTORIES

OUR GLOBAL PRESENCE



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