

## PYROTEK CHINA ANNOUNCES FOUNDRY ACQUISITION

Ferrous materials manufactured by Pyrotek Xian, continue to gain market share worldwide. Looking forward, some of the key product categories are those based in cast iron chemistry, such as siphons, ingot moulds and thermocouple protection tubes (TCPT).

To support further potential and to continue improvement of the ferrous materials product line, in November 2008, Pyrotek acquired a casting facility in Xian, China. It has the capability and the monthly capacity of casting 100 t of iron and steel products. Since the acquisition, the laboratory has been upgraded to complete full chemical analysis and mechanical property tests. All these developments were aimed at shortening lead-time, improving quality and reducing costs.

Pyrotek Xian is currently qualified to produce siphons, ingot moulds, riser tubes, plugs and TCPT. The company has the capability to manufacture most of the existing Pyrotek product offerings. The prime focus of the Pyrotek Xian casting facility is to optimise Pyrotek's in-house production to enhance the ability in responding to customer needs and sales priorities.

Frank Zhu leads production, technical development, and quality assurance of manufactured and sourced cast steel and cast iron products within the China operations. Frank has almost 20 years of experience in ferrous metals.

Within China, Lucy Suo leads logistics and other commercial aspects of this product line. Lucy has seven years experience with Pyrotek and has been Supply Chain Manger for China since 2005.



*Pyrotek China's recently launched casting facility in Xian*