



TRL Krosaki appoints Priyabrata Panda as new MD



Priyabrata Panda has been appointed as the Managing Director of TRL Krosaki Refractories Limited, Belpahar and has taken over the charge with effect from January 1, 2015. Mr. Panda who was the Chief Operating Officer of the company is taking over the charge from Dr. Arup Kumar Chattopadhyay.

Mr. Priyabrata Panda, a B. Tech. in Ceramic Technology from College of Ceramic Technology, Calcutta had started his career with TRL Krosaki in 1981 as a Graduate Trainee. He is associated with the company holding various positions all along his 31 year of illustrious professional career. During his service, he successfully completed "Advanced

Management Program" from IIM, Calcutta, "Productivity Enhancement Program" from AOTS, Japan and "Strategy Leadership Program" from Indian School of Business, Hyderabad & Executive Management program from Stern School of Business, New York University. He was instrumental in Setting up a 90,000 TPA ultra-modern refractories plant at China for manufacture of Magnesia Carbon refractories. He managed TRL China as CEO for four year since its inception. Mr. Priyabrata Panda has been conferred "Honorary Citizen" of Lioing province, China and during his time TRL China was awarded the best "Foreign Investor Company" in Lioing province, China.

With respect to his association with professional bodies, Mr. Panda is a Fellow of Indian Institute of Ceramics, Life Member of Indian Ceramic Society & Indian Institute of Metal. He has presented many technical papers on ceramics in various national & international seminars.

RINL gets Star Performer Award

RINL has been awarded Star Performer Award amongst large industries for its export performance by EEPC (Engineering Export Promotion Council) sponsored by Ministry of Commerce, Government of India at a function held in Chennai.

With export products hitting the market, RINL has started leveraging its shore based location to increase exports. RINL has been giving focus on exports to South Asia, South East Asia, Middle East and African countries.

Sri P Madhusudan, CMD, RINL congratulated Sri T K Chand, Director(Commercial) and his Export Department team for achieving a strong growth in exports and the recognition received from EEPC. He urged the Marketing collective to bring many more laurels in the coming days by increasing sales and strengthening RINL's market presence overseas. Along with the

products of RINL, Brand Vizag goes through to international market, heightening the image of Visakhapatnam as an ideal business destination.

During 2013-14, RINL export turnover was Rs. 747 crores. During April-December period of the current financial year, RINL has registered 36% growth in exports while the total steel exports from India in the same period registered a negative growth of (-)5.3%. RINL has opened market for its products in East African markets like Kenya, Ethiopia, Mozambique, South Africa, Tanzania, Uganda etc.

It may be mentioned here that RINL has opened IMO (International Marketing Office) in Colombo to roll products in Sri Lanka and export them to nearby countries apart from sales in domestic Sri Lankan market. Rolling facilities and Sri Lanka operations are going to start from next month

ArcelorMittal Chief Financial Officer Resigns

ArcelorMittal recently announced the resignation of its executive director and chief financial officer Matthias Wellhausen with effect from March 15. Mr. Wellhausen will be replaced by Gerhard van Zyl who will be acting chief financial officer with effect from March 15 until such a time that the vacancy is filled.

ArcelorMittal said Mr. Wellhausen would be leaving to pursue other opportunities.

"On behalf of the board of directors, we thank Matthias for his excellent co-operation and his contributions to sustainably improve the company during his tenure as chief financial officer.

"His succession will assure continuation of the path on improved grounds. We wish him success in his future endeavours," said chairman of the board Mpho Makwana.