



Employee Training Assures Customers of Superior Refractory Workmanship



Investing in industry training and development is necessary to continue to deliver the quality installation and repair service refractory customers have come to expect from Plibrico. Few tactics can rival the quality assurance that can be generated from well-trained and motivated employees. Plibrico Company, LLC., a

major supplier of monolithic refractory materials and services, knows the importance of training first-hand.

"At Plibrico, we are committed to helping our employees grow personally and gain the necessary level of knowledge to productively perform his or her job," said Brad Taylor, Plibrico President and CEO. "Over the years we have found that providing the opportunity to develop through training is one of the most important factors in employee motivation, engagement, and positive morale."

Philip Wrisley, Project Manager at Plibrico's

Salem, Ohio office, is the latest of the company's employees to take advantage of this training. Wrisley is the recipient of an API STD 936 Refractory Personnel Certification from the American Petroleum Institute (API).

This internationally recognized certification verifies Wrisley's knowledge of API Refractory Installation Quality Control Guidelines for field-testing of monolithic refractory materials, as well as best practices in the installation and repair of refractory linings. In doing so, Wrisley is now certified to provide customers with API approved field testing to

assure superior refractory performance, while saving time and money on installations. In addition, his knowledge can help better align Plibrico installation teams with third-party inspection services to facilitate improved quality assurance practices overall.

"I greatly appreciate Plibrico's support in helping me achieve this long-term career goal," said Wrisley. "My API certification assures customers of a higher quality of work and increases their confidence and peace of mind that Plibrico is the right choice for refractory material, engineering, repair and installation services." ■

Sidrive IQ digital platform: Optimized performance into the megawatt range

Sidrive IQ from Siemens provides a digital platform enabling the evaluation and utilization of data gathered from drive systems. On the basis of networked drive systems from Siemens, this cloud-based application is now also available for motors and converters in the medium and high-voltage range.

This opens up an array of benefits for plant and machine operators, from optimized maintenance activity and maximum availability to increased productivity, from low outputs through to the



megawatt range across the entire life cycle. Connectivity modules such as Simotics Connect 600 and Sinamics Connect 500 enable high-voltage motors and medium-voltage converters to be simply linked up to

Sidrive IQ. With the latest generation of its Remote Services and Condition Monitoring Services offered as part of the Sidrive IQ Services portfolio, Siemens is making available corrective measures for fixing faults, preventive maintenance offers and proactive services for optimized performance.

The optimized drive systems are used in pumps, fans and compressors across different sectors of industry such as oil and gas, mining, food and beverage, water and wastewater, metals and cement. ■