

Vote of thanks

Dr. M. R. K. Rao

Mr. Kharia, Mr. Swaminathan, Dr. Kumar, Dr. Rao, fellow delegates and gentlemen. It is now my pleasant duty to propose a hearty vote of thanks.

Mr. Kharia has very kindly agreed to inaugurate this seminar, despite the heavy pressure of work. He has brilliantly focussed the attention on the need for innovations in the refractory practice in the reheating and heat treatment furnaces. You Sir, as a Chairman of a leading refractories producer, not only produce the refractories, but also consume them in your TISCO works and therefore play a dual role in building a better rapport between the refractories technologist and the metallurgist. We are grateful to you for inaugurating the Seminar, Gentlemen, I now request you all to join me in thanking him in a most befitting manner.

Prof. Altekhar, Director, National Metallurgical Laboratory, has readily agreed to give full co-operation in organising this seminar. We miss him today as he has gone abroad on some urgent official work. He has extended unfletching support and encouragement but for which it would not have been possible to hold the seminar here. I request you all to join me in expressing our sincere thanks in a befitting manner.

In the absence of Prof. Altekhar, Dr. Rajendra Kumar has given us all the help during last few days for holding the seminar here and I sincerely thank him for his co operation. Dr. Balbhim Rao has ably dealt with scope of the seminar and I thank him for his ready response at a short notice.

The Seminar is being attended by over 200 delegates in response to our circulars. I thank you all gentlemen for your active co-operation and participation. Mr. Brian Langridge of Morganite Fibres Ltd., U. K. and Mr. Roy W. Brown of Carborundum Company of U. S. A have readily accepted our invitations to participate in our seminar. I am sure they would carry with them the experience of being amidst us during this seminar. I thank them sincerely and please join me in showing our sense of appreciation. I thank also all the invitees who have kindly agreed to grace this occasion.

Dr. H. K. Mitra, the Pitamaha of refractories technology in India and Dr. S. S. Ghose, Director & General Manager of Belpahar Refractories Ltd. have kindly agreed to give the Keynote addresses and kindly join me in expressing our grateful thanks to both of them.

The organising committee is grateful to all the authors of technical papers

and to all the Chairman and recorders of the technical sessions Kindly join me in thanking them profusely.

Though technical papers and discussions satisfy the intellectual appetite of the delegates, they should not go dry and hungry after heated discussions. In response to our requests, M/s. Belpahar Refractories and M/s. Orissa Industries are hosting dinners to delegates, M/s. Kumardhubi Fireclay & Silica Works is hosting a lunch, M/s. Carborundum Universal, M/s. Rexon Industries, M/s. Behar Firebricks and Pottery and M/s. Tatanagar Refractories are giving delightful refreshments of coffee and tea to delegates. Gentlemen, I request you all in expressing our grateful thanks to all of them in a befitting manner.

M/s. Valley Refractories have presented nice portfolio bags as mementos to delegates and I thank them for this

very nice of gesture. Shri M. H. Dalmia has given a handsome contribution towards our expenses and the Organising Committee expresses its sincere thanks to him. It has been possible to bring out a beautiful souvenir which is with you, with the cooperation of all the advertisers. I thank them all for readily responding to our request.

Despite the weekend holidays, all the officers and staff of the NML have helped us a great lot in organising this seminar today and tomorrow and I place on record our heartfelt thanks to all of of them.

Lastly I also thank Mr. Swaminathan and members of the Organising Committee and all the volunteers without whose help I could not have discharged my duties as Executive Secretary of the Seminar. Gentlemen, I thank you all once again.