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Cheers! Mrs. Susan Potvin



After more than 30 vears of service to Rio Tinto Metal Powders. Mrs. Potvin, Susan RTMP Marketing Technician has elected to take a well earned retirement. Susan worked has unreservedly for

many years with customers and employees for the betterment of our business. Her commitment, capability and enthusiasm have made a real difference in RTMP business.

Josiane Parent, the new Marketing Technician, has taken over marketing responsibilities at RTMP since May 1st, 2011. E-mail: josiane.parent@riotinto.com

RTMP is proud to welcome Mr. Rajeev Sherry as new General Manager for India



Mr. Rajeev Sherry has been appointed General Manager for India Powders and will lead the Sales and Marketing development in India. E-mail: rajeev.sherry@riotinto.com

Mr. Sherry will be supported by Mr. Philippe François, RTMP Technical Service Representative, on the technical side.

2011 Beijing Essen Welding & Cutting Fair

RTMP attended the Beijing Essen Welding & Cutting Fair at Shanghai New International Expo Center in June 2011 to promote iron powders in welding applications.

This Fair is one of the top two welding exhibitions in the world. RTMP had a standard booth in the four-day fair, June 2-5, which was staffed by Candido Ruas, James Xia, Laura Zhang, Ray Guo, Weibo Hu and Cary Kong. Samples of ilmenite ore and iron powders were on display as well as brochures for the consumables product line.



The welding fair comprised 918 exhibitors from more than 29 countries and regions including 705 local exhibitors and 213 oversea exhibitors from welding/cutting equipment fabricators and suppliers of Many consumables products. welding potential. customers, current and approached RTMP at the booth. We were happy to meet many of our existing and potentials new customers.

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EuroPM2011



RTMP Sales & Marketing and Technical departments are ready to attend the flagship event of the international

powder metallurgy community; the EuroPM2011. This year the congress takes place in Barcelona, Spain from October 9 to 12.

All has been thought out for you!

When you register, you will receive a Rio Tinto Metal Powders reusable business bag. During the event, you will be able to meet some of our team at stand no. 60 and plan one-on-one meetings in our private Brochures, product conference room. information and presentations by RTMP Product Development Group are different things that RTMP is preparing for you during the EuroPM2011 congress & exhibition. You are welcome to attend technical session about lubrication on Thursday, October 11th in session 20 at 2.30 pm. Hope to see you there!

Implementation of debottlenecking projects at RTMP

As you probably have read in different PM Media, Rio Tinto Metal Powders (QMP) has announced plans to invest \$ CAD 30M to increase plant capacity by 20% over the next two years.

With regards to the reported capacity increase, we have implemented the plant

expansion project during our annual maintenance shutdowns in August 2011. The plant capacity will increase by 8% in 2011 and with the remaining 12% increase becoming available after the 2012 summer shutdown.

Supporting & growing with customers is a large part of the RTMP mission.

We are investing for a strong future and believe this capital investment will also pay off for our customers, who rely on us for high quality products services; and for our communities, who rely on us for good iobs. responsible environmental stewardship and ongoing contribution to the local economy.



The investment is part of the company's recently announced TiO₂₀₅₀, plan which calls for an investment of CAD \$800M to extend the life of RTFT's mine in Northern Quebec – one of the world's largest ilmenite deposits – and improve efficiency and throughput at its metallurgical complex in Southern Quebec. Ore extracted from the mine in Quebec is refined into titanium dioxide feedstock, pig iron, steel billets, metal powders and other products at our Sorel-Tracy complex.

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