



YOU ARE INVITED!

Stellar Materials is pleased to invite you to attend our upcoming

THERMBOND® WORKSHOP

to be conducted at our Manufacturing Facility in Whitmore Lake, Michigan

7-11 October 2009

Space is limited, RSVP today!



2007 Worldwide Workshop attendees



Presentation on Thermbond in Waste Incineration by Marcel Grootveld, Sales Director, Europe



Thermbond gunning demonstration presented by Jens Decker, Vice President of Engineering



Manufacturing presentation by Plant Manager Jim Knicley at the 2008 Winter Workshop

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In 2007 and 2008, Stellar Materials presented two very successful Thermbond Workshops. Following are testimonials from past attendees:

"Thank you very much for your hospitality during our stay for workshop meeting in Detroit. The workshop was very educational for all of us and I will keep in touch with you and all of Stellar's staff."

Yovinus Krisnanto,
PT. Wilisindomas Indahmakmur
Indonesia

"Thank you for 3 fantastic days in Detroit / Ann Arbor."

I have been in the refractory business for almost 35 years, and this was one of the best seminars/ workshops I have participated in when I look at the total package, both technical and social.

It was an exciting week. We liked very much your hospitality and would like to thank you for that. We will think and push more and more for Thermbond!"

Julio Luiz da Cruz Jr,
Superflow, Brasil

"We would like to thank you for your nice organization of the Workshop and your kind hospitality extended to us during our stay in the USA."

N. Tajiri
Sanken Sangyo Co., Ltd.
Japan

"Thanks a lot for your and Stellar's hospitality we received all the time out on Detroit. I'm sure we have good reasons to keep growing together and get a nice future doing business like in the past."

Luis M. Berlanga,
HTIP, Mexico

Key Benefits

This workshop is an excellent opportunity to share knowledge and network with Stellar team members and Thermbond end-users, contractors and strategic partners from around the world.

In three action-packed days, you will acquire:

- Increased knowledge of refractories in general and Thermbond refractories in particular
- Increased awareness of potential Thermbond applications
- Increased understanding of the value of Thermbond

Topics

- Fundamentals of Refractory Technology
- Thermbond Refractory Technology
- Industry Break-Out Sessions:
 - HPI, Aluminum, Waste Incineration, Power Boilers, Cement, and other industries
- Customer Break-Out Sessions: Strategic Partners, Contractors, Installers, End Users
- Thermbond Installation Techniques and Equipment
- Thermbond Manufacturing, Production and Quality Control
- Thermbond Product Demonstrations
- Thermbond Success Stories (Customer-Led Discussions)

Content has been updated for our 2009 Autumn Workshop to include information about new products, improved installation methods, new industrial applications, and new product demonstrations. Those who attended a previous workshop will benefit from the new Workshop content as well as gain a refresher course on Thermbond Technology.

Location

The workshop will be conducted Wednesday through Sunday, 7-11 October, 2009 at Stellar Materials' Manufacturing Facility in Whitmore Lake, Michigan. Some sessions, and the banquet dinner, will be held at the famous [Weber's Inn](#) in Ann Arbor, Michigan.

For more information about beautiful Ann Arbor, please click [here](#).

Agenda

- Wednesday – Travel day (arrivals), Cocktail Reception 7:30 PM
- Thursday- Full day of Sessions, Dinner in Ann Arbor
- Friday- Sessions until 4:30 PM, followed by Activity and Dinner
- Saturday- Full day of Sessions followed by Banquet Dinner.
- Sunday- Q&A session until 12:30 PM, Travel day (departures)

More Testimonials...

"I just finished reviewing the photos from the Workshop, and it reminded me for a moment of the good times we had. I have been to a lot of seminars but none can compare with this. I want to thank all involved, for the special attention we received.

I felt like I was home, everything was more than expected; the presentations, the biographical material, the attention, the social activities, absolutely everything.

Many thanks, we were really surprised by the effort and professionalism demonstrated with the organization of the event. We hope to respond in kind as a result of this fantastic gesture."

Jesús, Freddy y Luis Javier
Ferrum Energy Solutions C.A
Venezuela

"I personally want to thank the Stellar team for their valuable input and expense afforded to this project."

John Pulbrook
Refractech PTY Ltd., Australia

"Thank you: from me; and from the entire Schaefer Group organization for the super Winter Workshop 2008 that your organization conducted this past week. We were honored to be invited to be a part of it.

The Workshop was well prepared and presented. I got new ideas and data, and, from the feed-back that I get from others of our Group who attended, the rest of our Group did too. We really appreciate all of your efforts and the courtesies that you extended to us.

We have been proud to have represented Stellar over all these years, and look forward to an even longer and bright future together. The Workshop has helped to prepare us even better for that future."

Richard Schaefer,
The Schaefer Group, Inc, USA

Workshop Fee

The investment to attend this workshop is US \$1,695. ***This entire amount will be credited back to your account*** as outlined in the Product Credit section below. Included is:

- ***Transportation*** to and from Detroit airport and hotel, to and from hotel and plant, and to and from all dinner/activities.
- ***Lodging***: Four nights lodging at Weber's Inn, Ann Arbor, single occupancy (private rooms for each person).
- ***All Meals and Entertainment***: Wednesday night through Sunday morning.

Product Credit

Upon completion of the workshop, *the full cost of the workshop will be credited back to your company's account* to be applied toward future Thermbond material purchases! So the entire workshop will cost you nothing!

Note: If your company does not purchase Thermbond directly, please speak with your account representative for information regarding alternatives to product credit.

Application

Space is limited! In order to assure space for you and your colleagues, please follow this link and complete our [application form](#) as soon as possible.

Upon acceptance of your application to the Autumn Thermbond Workshop you will receive a follow up email with your Registration packet and Invoice.

Payment Schedule

A \$500 refundable deposit is due by 7 August 2009 to secure your space. The \$1,195 balance is due in full by 7 September 2009.

Cancellation Policy

If you cancel prior to 7 September 2009, your \$500 deposit will be refunded. If you cancel after 7 September 2009 you forfeit your deposit. Cancellations must be received in writing (email acceptable) and acknowledged by Stellar in writing.

For More Information, Contact

If you have any questions regarding this event, please contact your Thermbond account representative or Ashley Garcia, Stellar Materials' Marketing Coordinator (561) 330-9300 ext. 109 • ashley.garcia@thermbond.com

Meet Our Thermbond Workshop Leaders



David Mintz, President Stellar Materials Incorporated

Mr. Mintz is one of the founders of Stellar Materials. He has been with the company since its inception in 1990. With 20 years of experience working with Stellar's unique binder system his leadership is key to the company's growth and continued success. Mr. Mintz's involvement is integral to the creation, development, sales, patents, and marketing of Stellar's entire product line.



Jens Decker, Vice President, Engineering

Mr. Decker earned his degree in Ceramic Engineering and Business Administration. After graduation, and prior to joining the Thermbond Refractory Group in 2001, he worked as Project Manager and in R&D for RHI, DIFK, the German Institute for Refractories and Ceramics, and Gouda Refractories. Mr. Decker was promoted to his current position in 2008 and he works from Stellar Materials' manufacturing facility in Michigan; responsible for new product development, technical services, and quality control.



Tommy M. Atkins, Vice President Worldwide Sales

Mr. Atkins worked 17 years with A.P Green Refractories rising in the ranks to Western US Regional Manager. He began working with Thermbond in 1998, when he was hired by John Zink LLC in the position of Business Leader - Thermbond Refractory Group. The group was acquired by Stellar Materials in 2004. Mr. Atkins' leadership and work ethic are keys to the success of Stellar Materials' sales team and in building our very important customer and strategic partner relationships worldwide.

Since 1990, Stellar Materials has changed the way high temperature processing industries think about refractory. Join us at our Autumn Workshop and learn all the ways that Thermbond's unique refractory technology solves problems!



For updates and additional information on the Autumn Workshop plans, please email our Marketing Coordinator, [Ashley Garcia](#)

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