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EuTeCer: Defending the Interests of the European Technical Ceramic Industry in Europe

EuTeCer, the European Technical Ceramics Federation, is the voice of the European technical ceramic industry, located in Brussels, with members in France, Germany, Italy, Turkey and Great Britain. The association's objective is to deal with all economic, technical and administrative matters of interest to its members in order to promote understanding and cooperation. Moreover, it promotes the interests of European technical ceramics industry and offers a platform to exchange views and experiences in the common interest.

EuTeCer is open to National Federations representing the technical ceramic industry, or, for lack of those, private companies active in the technical ceramic industry.

EuTeCer members benefit from:

- monitoring of European issues relevant for the ceramic industry;
- access to statistical information on the specific sector and the ceramic industry as a whole;
- involvement in all stages of the legislative process, from the development of the proposal to the implementation at national level;
- invitations to participate in technical meetings organised by EuTeCer, Cerame-Unie (CU) or European institutions, the CU General Assembly and the European Parliament Ceramics Forum (EPCF).

EuTeCer is linked with other ceramic sectors under the umbrella of CU, the European



Fig. Richard Gaignon (l., 1st row), President of EuTeCer, participates to the panel debate during the Ceramic Days 2016

Ceramic Industry Association. CU members and associate members, both federations of national associations and direct members, are established in 30 European countries, including 26 EU Member States.

The ceramic industry is reported as gathering about 2000 companies in the EU, including not only large international groups but also a large proportion of SMEs (80 %) from ten different sectors, truly embodying the European motto, "United in diversity". The ceramic industry covers a wide range of products including abrasives, bricks and roofing tiles, clay pipes, wall and floor tiles, refractories, sanitaryware, table and ornamentalware, technical ceramics and porcelain enamel. The ceramics industry represents an annual production value of around EUR 28 billion, accounting for approximately 25 % of the global production, and over 200 000 direct jobs throughout the EU.

Through CU, the interests and concerns common to the whole of the ceramics industry are communicated towards the European institutions. In addition, CU promotes the visibility of the entire European ceramic industry through its meetings, communication and events. CU coordinates the activities of EPCF. The EPCF provides a platform for exchange between the ceramic industry and EU policymakers on important issues. In 2016 Richard Gaignon, the President of EuTeCer, represented the technical ceramic industry as a panelist in a high level conference held during the Ceramic Days 2016.

Companies interested in becoming a member of EuTeCer are warmly welcomed to contact the Cerame-Unie Secretariat (E-mail: sec@cerameunie.eu).

Further information can also be found on www.cerameunie.eu and www.epceramicsforum.eu