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AREAS OF INTEREST

Materials Science, Refractories

Education

Ceramic Technology (B.Tech., Government College of Engineering & Ceramic Technology, 2011)
Metallurgical Engineering & Materials Science (M.Tech., Indian Institute of Technology, Bombay, 2014)

Experience

- Asahi India Glass Solution: Worked as Management Trainee at float glass production for approximate nine months.
- Steel Authority of India Ltd: Working since eight years in different shops starting from Refractory (Mag-Carbon) manufacturing to its application, SMS operation area including caster operation, currently looking after planning cell at Refractories department of SAIL-ISP.

Projects:

- LITHIUM IRON PHOSPHATE BASED CATHODE MATERIAL DEVELOPMENT FOR LI-ION CELL
- FABRICATION OF CONDUCTING POLYMER BASED THIN FILM AND IT'S IN-SITU STRESS MEASUREMENT FOR APPLICATION IN SUPERCAPACITOR
- REALIZATION AND APPLICATION OF SIZE DEPENDENT FEM-SIMULATION FOR DEEP DRAWING OF RECTANGULAR WORK PIECE
- VEGETARIAN THIN BONE CHINA BODY PREPARATION USING SYNTHETIC PHOSPHATE

Publication/ Patent

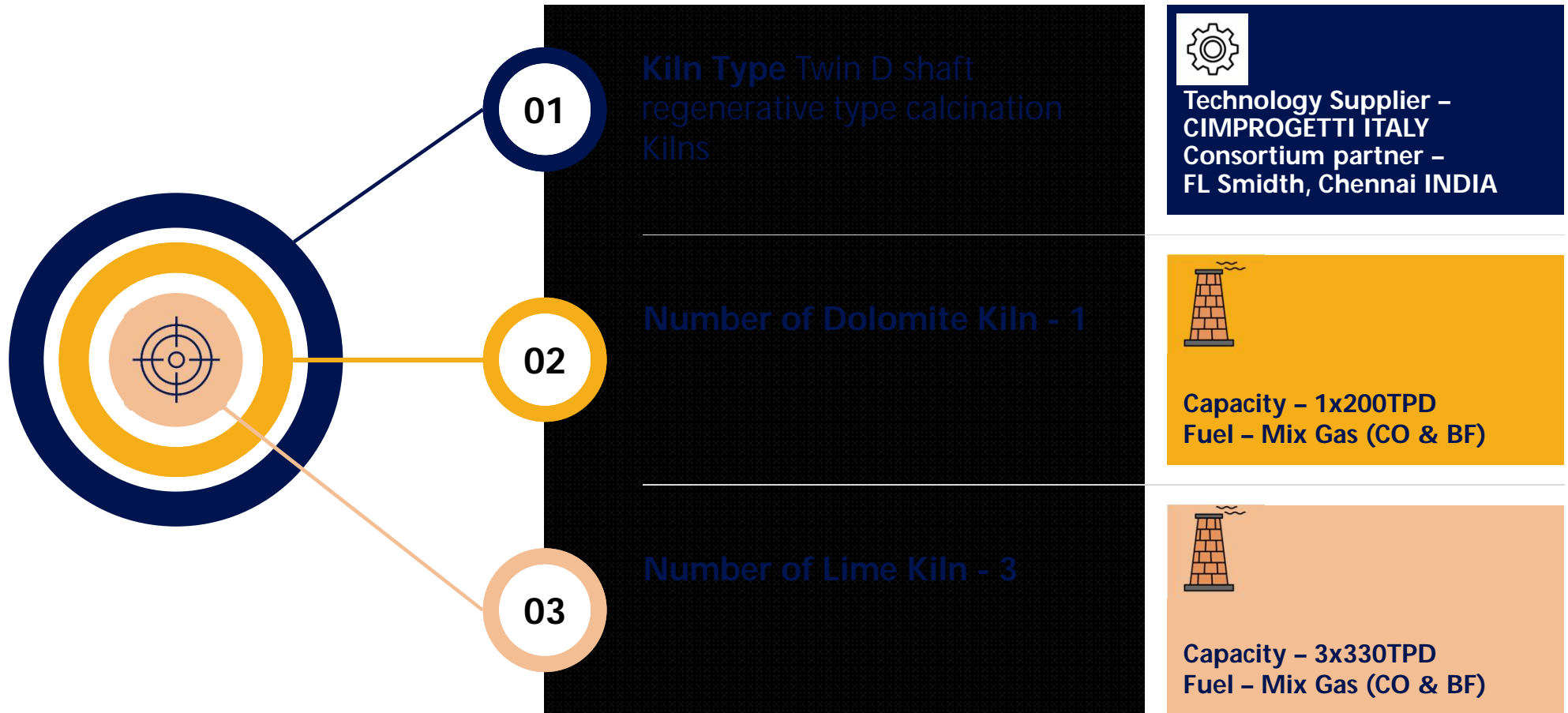
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SALIENT FEATURES OF KILN

Height and Cross section area of Kiln

Height – 36500 mm
 Cross Section of Dolomite Kiln - 5.8 m²
 Cross Section of Lime Kiln – 8.8 m²

Calcination Temperature

Lime Kiln – 950°C - 1100°C
 Dolomite Kiln – 850°C - 1000°C



Discharge Temperature

For both Lime Kiln and Dolomite Kiln it is around 80°C



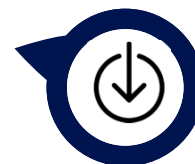
Combustion system & No of lances

Combustion system is Lance Fired
 No of Lances for Lime kiln 60 & for Dolomite it is 36.



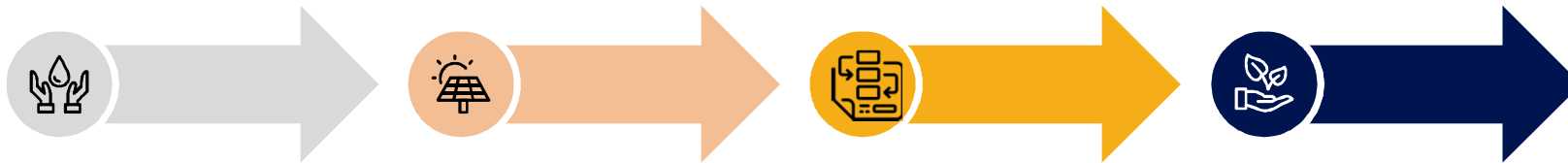
Mode of Discharge

Through Discharge Drawer and Vibratory feeder.



Flowchart of Lime-Dolomite calcination

At SAIL-ISP Limestone and Dolomite are calcined in Dual shaft Kiln through Mix gas from Coke Oven and Blast furnace in cyclic method for better heat recovery during operation



Input Raw Materials

Limestone (CaCO_3):
CaO- 53-54%, MgO- 1-2%, Silica- 1.5% max

Dolomite [$\text{CaMg}(\text{CO}_3)_2$]:
CaO- 28-30%, MgO- 20-21%, Silica- 1.5-4% max

Feed Size: 25-55 mm

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Combustion Air & Fuel

Mixture of CO & BF Gas

Calorific Value approx.
2600 kcal/ Nm^3

Inlet Pressure – 70mBar

Boosted up to – 900mBar

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Kiln Processing

Cyclic lance firing is done in both the shaft for better heat recovery

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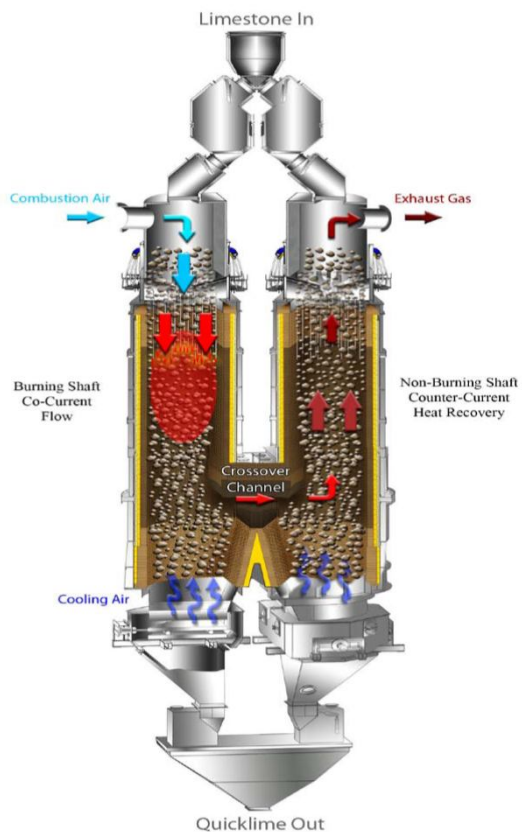
Final Product

Cooling air injected from the bottom of the kiln and Calcined Lime & Dolomite as a final product discharged from the feeder

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Operation inside Shaft Kiln



Raw Materials are fed and distributed from top of the kiln
Fuel (mixed gas / CO gas) Supplied through lances with combustion air



Combustion starts in cyclic order. Approx 16 minutes it takes for single cycle in one shaft before it switches to other one



Flue gas passes through crossover channel and pre-heat the materials in other shaft before combustion takes place in that respective shaft

Refractory lining inside kiln



Safety Lining

Mainly consists of Hysil insulation board, light weight alumina bricks and Medium duty fireclay bricks



Working Lining

Primarily high duty fireclay bricks and non-calcination zone and Magnesite bricks at calcination zone



Arch in crossover channel

Double arch present and they are based on Magnesite initially now changed to Corundum



Monolithic

Basic Mortar and High Alumina (90%) castables are used as per requirement

Key Problems



Frequent Red Spot at Cross over area

Red spots were often observed at crossover channel as filling bricks above the arch either got damaged or fallen inside the kiln



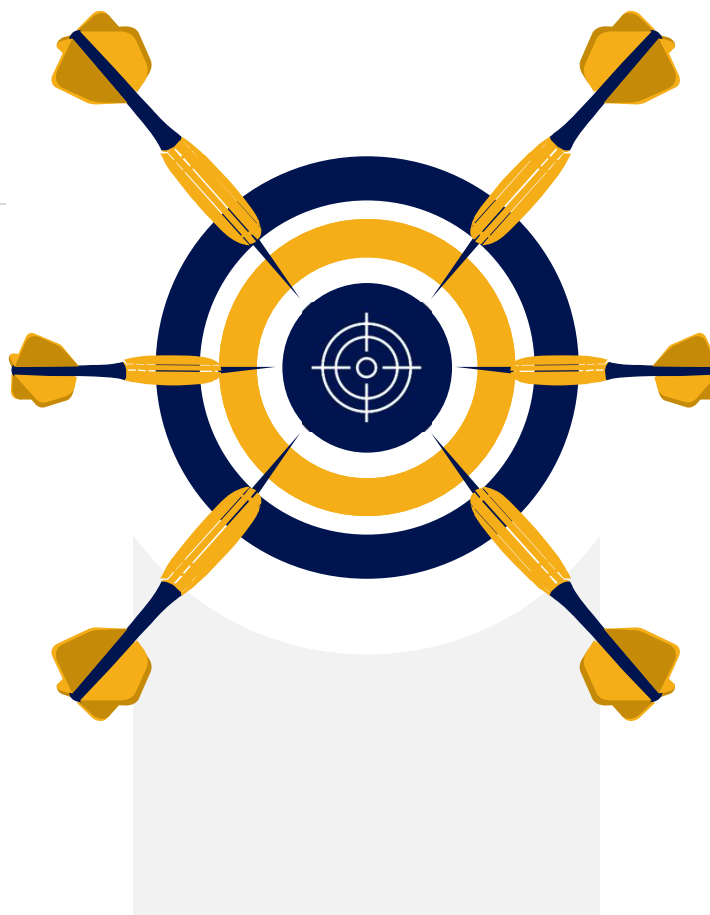
Damage of Arch bricks

Inconsistency in quality of gas, choking of combustion system affects the arch (Magnesite) through frequent Thermal shock



High maintenance cost

Frequent damages attracts higher cost of repair as primarily high alumina castable is used



High breakdown time

Damage of Arch creates a bottle neck for smooth production so it's frequent repair increase the breakdown time, .



High Refractory Consumption

Parallely it increases the consumption of refractory and adds on the Kg/TCS .



Poor quality of lime & Dolomite

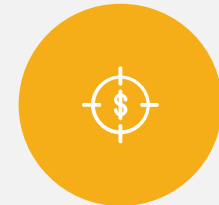
Due to damage of arch achieving optimum calcination temperature becomes tricky and resulted to poor quality of Lime & Dolomite

Corundum as an alternative at Arch lining

What is Corundum?
Basically $\alpha\text{-Al}_2\text{O}_3$

Cost effectiveness?
Corundum is costly compared to
Magnesite (based on 2020)

Mechanical Strength?
Higher compared to Magnesite and less
open pores ensures negligible
microstructural defects/flaws



Why Corundum?
Thermal (0.5% at 1400°C)
and chemical stability

Life Span?
Much higher compared to Magnesite in harsh
condition(Already achieved almost double life)

Storing and Application?
Its very user friendly due to
not being hygroscopic

Capital Repair Technique

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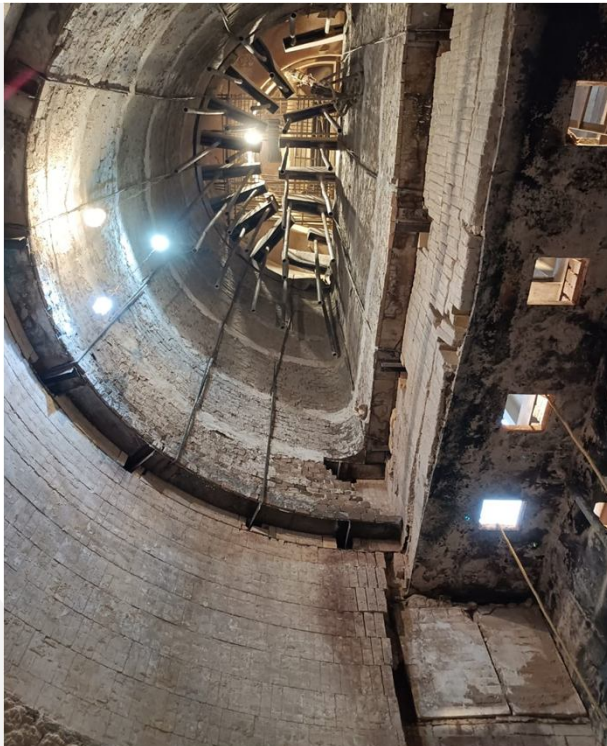
Top Down approach

Linings are done without emptying the burden starting from the kiln top

Safety Precaution?

Tie rods are welded after completion of every segment and lowering down the burden as per requirement

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How it is done?

Step by step process through segmented lining with the help of retainer plate (Approximate in every fifteen layers)

Cost and Time benefit

Almost 90% safety lining as well as alumina working lining becomes reusable and drastically reduce the downtime

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Key Takeaway



About Corundum

Corundum as refractory is highly stable and contribute less intrinsic compound formation.

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Cost effectivity of Corundum

Corundum is highly cost effective and suitable for refractory application where application condition is harsh

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Adaptive lining technique

Top Down lining technique is very much effective from time and cost both point of view

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Cost and Time saving technique

This type of lining technique helps to achieve highest reusability of old bricks and also ensure minimum time frame for capital repair

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Safety Perspective

All these changes are made by ensuring highest quantum of safety

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Thank You

