

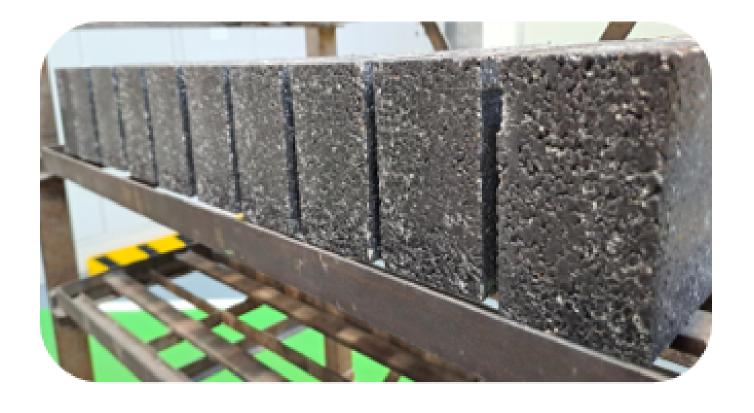
Boosting Recycling Rates in Low-Carbon Refractory Products

Fact sheet



Description of the result

The recycling rate in low carbon refractory products is increased to 40% by using recycling material below 1 mm which is by innovative pre-processed an comminution technique and the multichamber separator. The depletion of the carbon content in the coarser fraction and the enrichment of carbon in the finer fraction enables the production of well performing low carbon recycling products for the steel industry.







Problem addressed

comminution Conventional and sorting technologies manual agglomerates within generate circular raw materials for recycling, accompanied by high carbon content in the coarse fractions, which the limits in low reuse carbon recycling bricks.



Main features & benefits

The improved liberation of carbon matrix by optimized pre-processing technologies in combination with a multi-chamber separator enables the generation of tailored circular raw materials, separating carbon-enriched from carbon-depleted fractions. This results in improved brick properties, e.g., density and porosity while increasing the share of recycled content.

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Environmental Benefits

- 40% recycling rate
- 100% graphite substitution in low carbon bricks
- Significant CO₂ savings by replacing virgin raw materials



Who Is Leading the Development?







Prospects for the future

- Targeting TRL 6 (brick prototype produced by pilot trials in the plant)
- Transfer to additional carbon bonded refractory materials
- Deployment of the separation technology within PHOENICS



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Technical facts

- TRL 4: Lab trials
- Processed particle sizes: < 1 mm
- Physical brick properties: density † porosity \
- Homogeneous carbon distribution in the brick matrix





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