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Market Shift in Atmospheric Plasma Spray Technology

Sulzer Metco, a leading surface solutions provider, recently announced the sale of their 100th Triplex*Pro*-based atmospheric plasma spray system.

The Triplex*Pro* plasma spray gun design is based on a cascading arc and triple-cathode technology engineered such that the plasma arc stability is independent of gas flow. Thus, consistent high-quality coatings are attained with very high feedstock throughput. Thermal spray systems based on the Triplex*Pro* technology provide unparalleled efficiency gains and process cost reductions.

"The Triplex*Pro* consistently lives up to our and our customers' expectations," remarked Steven Ort, Product Line Manager for Thermal Spray Equipment. "While other high-efficiency plasma guns have been introduced, the market has recognized the reliability and proven track record of this spray gun. When reviewing papers given at the ITSC (International Thermal Spray Conference) involving atmospheric plasma spray, the predominant gun discussed in recent years has been the Triplex*Pro*. This trend, coupled with Sulzer Metco's milestone sales achievement, is a strong indication of an industry shift towards this more efficient technology."

"There is nothing temperamental about the Triplex*Pro*," states Chris Dambra, Manager Coatings Solutions Center – Americas. "Once a spray parameter has been established, the Triplex*Pro* easily hits and maintains the process window. That fact alone makes the Triplex*Pro* a preferred option for our customers."

Over 85 percent of the Triplex*Pro*-based systems sold so far are for high volume production. Sulzer Metco uses their unique portfolio to combine their materials expertise with a highly experienced systems integration team and coating solution centers to provide customers that purchase a Sulzer Metco spray system with a complete surface solution package.

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