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Allied Mineral Products, Inc. Begins Production in Russian Manufacturing Facility

COLUMBUS, Ohio – Allied Mineral Products, Inc. began manufacturing at their newest international facility in Yelabuga, Russia, located in the Republic of Tatarstan.

Russia is the fifth largest foundry market in castings produced and has the second largest primary aluminum production in the world. This continued global expansion has given Allied the opportunity to be one of the first Western refractory companies to begin production there.

Allied's sales in Russia are building on the strong foundation set by their affiliate in the Netherlands, Allied Mineral Europe, which has been selling product in Russia for 13 years. The new Russian facility will initially serve the Foundry and Aluminum market, while seeking future opportunities in Industrial applications.

"Our success could not have been accomplished without a significant amount of time and effort by many people and departments within Allied," said John Halsted, Executive VP of International & Affiliated Companies at Allied. "We have 18 dedicated employees in Russia and look forward to watching them grow and prosper in the coming years!"

Allied Mineral Products, Inc. is a leading global manufacturer of monolithic refractories and precast, pre-fired refractory shapes with 12 manufacturing facilities in eight countries, four precast shapes facilities and two research and technology centers. Headquartered in Columbus, Ohio, Allied serves a wide variety of industries with innovative refractory solutions and exceptional service and support, backed by expert engineering and research teams and over 145 sales representatives. Allied is proud to be an employee-owned company.

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