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Sinterite Renews ISO/IEC 17025:2005 Accreditation

Sinterite, a Gasbarre Furnace Group Company, is proud to announce the renewal of its ISO/IEC 17025:2005 Accreditation, allowing the furnace maker to perform certified calibrations for furnace users, which is required by many of the Group's customers.

The accreditation is with the Laboratory Accreditation Bureau (LAB), headquartered in Fort Wayne, Indiana. LAB specializes in the ISO Standard.

The ISO 17025 Accreditation is similar to the 9001 Standard, held by several other Gasbarre companies, but is more specific in requirements for competence. It applies directly to organizations that produce testing and calibration results. This is the primary ISO Standard used by testing and calibration laboratories. Laboratories use this standard to implement a quality system aimed at improving their ability to consistently produce valid results. Since the standard is about competence, accreditation is simply formal recognition of a demonstration of that competence.

Like the other standards, ISO 17025 allows accredited companies to carry out procedures in their own way, but an auditor may ask the company to justify its methods. Sinterite's accreditation proves the methods are valid and acceptable, and the calibration technicians are competent. There is now a documented quality management system in place.

With this accreditation, Sinterite joins Gasbarre Press Division, Major Gauge & Tool and McKee Carbide Tool as Gasbarre companies with ISO Accreditation.

Sinterite designs, manufactures and services custom continuous belt and batch furnaces for sintering, steam-treating, annealing, brazing and heat-treating applications. Sinterite's quality design includes alloy and ceramic muffles, powder-handling equipment, custom fabrication products, and the exclusively manufactured HyperCooler, an in-line rapid cooling system, used for sinter-hardening. Sinterite is located in St. Marys, Pennsylvania.

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For more information on how Sinterite can provide custom-engineered solutions for your specific thermal processing requirements and heat-treating equipment today, contact Jeff Danaher, Sales and Technology Manager, at (814) 834-2200 or jdanager@gasbarre.com. Visit our websites at www.sinterite.com or www.gasbarrefurnacegroup.com for additional information.

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