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International key trade Show of the Ceramics Industry: ceramitec 2018 will open its gates on April 10 in Munich

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- **More than 600 exhibitors from 37 countries**
- **Market leaders of the entire value-added chain on site**
- **Comprehensive conference program and new special area on Additive Manufacturing**

The international key trade show of the ceramics industry, **ceramitec**, will take place from April 10 to 13 in Munich. On the four days of the show, more than 600 exhibitors from a total of 37 countries will present the industry's complete portfolio of machinery, equipment, systems, processes and raw materials. The entire value-added chain will be there, ranging from classic ceramics to industrial ceramics to technical ceramics to powder metallurgy. In addition, visitors may look forward to a comprehensive conference program and the recently established "Additive Manufacturing" special area. In terms of contents, this year's trade show will be focusing on digitization and the tapping of new industrial applications for ceramics and powder metallurgy.

Igor Palka, Exhibition Director of **ceramitec**, is extremely satisfied with the preparations. In particular, he is delighted that this year's event will show a high level of internationality again: "There is no other trade show of the ceramics industry where exhibitors and visitors encounter such an international audience. More than sixty percent of our exhibitors come from abroad. As at previous editions, a few countries will be newcomers at **ceramitec**. Thus, apart from Lithuania, Israel as a high-tech location will take part in **ceramitec** for the first time through XJet, a supplier for additive manufacturing processes with metal and ceramics." In addition, numerous international market leaders, such as Amberger Kaolinwerke, Bongioanni, Ceramifor, Dorst, Gustav Eirich, Händle, Keller HCW, Imerys, Lingl, MOTA, Netzsch, Sabo, Schunk, Stephan Schmidt and Tecnofiliere, among others, will present themselves at the trade show again.

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During the run-up to the trade show, the industry looks into the future with optimism. This can be gathered from the figures resulting from the ceramitec industry barometer* for which more than 600 specialists and executives from the industry were surveyed. 96 percent of the companies worldwide are planning to increase their investments further in the coming 12 months or at least to keep them at the same level. In particular, this applies to the fields of production & manufacturing and research & development, which is in line with the fact that nearly 60 percent of the companies rate their commitment to research & development as good or even very good. In Germany, this holds true for even 76 percent of the suppliers. Accordingly, visitors of ceramitec may look forward to a great number of innovations: “Ceramics are materials that have existed for thousands of years. At ceramitec 2018, visitors will experience how future-oriented the industry is at the same time. There are more and more application fields – ranging from cars and smartphones to aerospace or the deep sea”, comments Igor Palka.

Conference program and “Additive Manufacturing” special area

Just as previous editions, ceramitec 2018 will be accompanied by a comprehensive conference program. Within the framework of various information days (Powder Metallurgy Day, Heavy Clay Day, Technical Ceramics Day), experts from industry and science will report on new developments and technologies in the Forum in Hall A5. On the *CareerDay*, at the last day of the trade show (April 13, 2018), ceramitec will bring talents together with attractive employers. Moreover, the “Additive Manufacturing” special area will have its premiere in Hall B6. Besides a display of innovative exhibits fabricated through additive manufacturing processes, there will be a separate lecture program revolving around issues regarding ceramics and additive manufacturing.

Annual Meeting of the DKG simultaneously with ceramitec on the exhibition grounds

The 93rd Annual Meeting of the German Ceramic Society (DKG) with the Symposium on High-Performance Ceramics by the DKG and the German Materials Society DGM will take place simultaneously with the trade show from April 10 to 13. Whereas the trade show and the ceramitec conference program will primarily offer solutions to present-day challenges, the lectures of the DKG will point the way to the future. Furthermore, analytica, the International Trade Fair for Laboratory Technology, Analysis and Biotechnology, will take place in parallel with ceramitec. The segments of analytics, quality control and laboratory technology, in particular, will offer points of reference for the ceramics industry.

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Further information is available online under www.ceramitec.de

***About the ceramitec industry barometer**

In February 2018, the ceramitec 2018 trade show surveyed a total of 624 specialists and executives worldwide from the ceramics and powder metallurgy industry through the Institute for applied data analysis IfaD, Hamburg, on their investment behavior and on what is currently happening in the industry.

About ceramitec

ceramitec is the international key trade show of the ceramic industry. It covers the entire spectrum of the ceramic industry – ranging from classic ceramics and raw materials to industrial ceramics through to technical ceramics and powder metallurgy. Some 600 exhibitors from 37 countries and more than 15,000 participants from 93 countries took part in ceramitec 2015. “ceramitec: Technologies - Innovations - Materials” takes place every three years; the next event will be held in Munich from April 10 to 13, 2018.

International trade shows of the ceramic industry of Messe München

Besides ceramitec, the international key trade show, Messe München's portfolio of ceramics trade shows includes Indian Ceramics. India's leading trade show for the ceramic industry combines international competence with in-depth regional know-how. Indian Ceramics takes place on an annual basis, the next event being scheduled in Ahmedabad, Gujarat, India, from March 7 to 9, 2018, in parallel with Ceramics Asia. More than 280 exhibitors and over 7,100 trade visitors took part in Indian Ceramics & Ceramics Asia 2017.

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In 2018, analytica, International Trade Fair for Laboratory Technology, Analysis and Biotechnology, will take place simultaneously with ceramitec: www.analytica.de