



PRESS RELEASE

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Re: Hi-Temp announces its expansion into the Asia Pacific Region

In its efforts to better serve its Asia-Pacific customers and expand its reach across the globe, Hi-Temp Specialty Metals Inc. has commenced plans to build a Sales Office and Warehouse in Hong Kong. This location, situated on Kowloon Island (25 minutes drive from the Central District) will become the gateway for receipt of Hi-Temp's Asia-sourced products and also distribution center for customers in the region; the facility will also have light manufacturing capabilities. Through this investment, Hi-Temp expects to increase its efficiency and simultaneously continue on its boundless efforts to augment its supply and product offerings. Presently under construction, the facility is scheduled for completion by the end of February 2009.

To ensure that this new investment is successful, Hi-Temp has enlisted one of the industry's most experienced and knowledgeable salespersons, Ms. Shirley Kam. A graduate of Hong Kong University of Science & Technology, Shirley holds a degree in Industrial Engineering and has more than a decade of experience in refractory metal manufacturing and sales. A native of Hong Kong, Shirley has worked closely with Hi-Temp for several years as Sales Manager General of Bright Ward Limited, before accepting this new position, which will make good use of her knowledge of the Tantalum, Tungsten, and Molybdenum markets as well as her fluency in English, Cantonese, and Mandarin.

To support Shirley and Hi-Temp's efforts, Hi-Temp has also contracted Ms. Jean Or as Office Manager to assist Shirley and manage daily and general operations within the office. Jean comes to Hi-Temp with two decades of experience in manufacturing and distribution in the packaging industry. A native of Hong Kong, Jean grew up in the Philippines and returned to Hong Kong as an adult, gaining fluency in English, Mandarin, Cantonese, and Tagalog, among many others. Jean's years of hands-on management, marketing, product distribution, and customer service experience will lend well to Hi-Temp's interest in creating and maintaining coherence between Hi-Temp's New Jersey-based headquarters, the office in Hong Kong, and most importantly for Hi-Temp's customers.

Please contact Shirley for all future Asia-Pacific sales and supply inquiries and look for our next release in 30 days when Hi-Temp announces the opening of its new, state-of-the-art, 60,000 square-foot facility in New York.

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