



## Green Foundry meets with Government interest in Malaysia



“Metaltech” the specialist fair for the metalworking industry attracted an increasingly international public again this year: 300 exhibitors lured up to 5,000 specialist visitors to the exhibition buildings in Kuala Lumpur every day. The manufacturer of industrial furnaces StrikoWestofen was also represented at the fair, its booth measuring 36 square

**G**rowing markets in Southeast Asia the specialist fair 'Metaltech' in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia is an important door-opener for companies belonging to the international metalworking industry. For this reason, this year's exhibitors included the globally active StrikoWestofen Group with its headquarters in Gummersbach, Germany. The manufacturer of melting and dosing furnaces for aluminium foundries was available for questioning by the interested specialist audience during the four days of the fair. The Malaysian deputy minister of international trade and industry, Lee Chee Leong, also made use of the opportunity to take part in an open-minded dialog on trailblazing technologies.

meters. The dosing and holding furnace “Westomat” was exhibited there. “The exchange of ideas with the public attending specialist fairs is always fertile for the further development of our company. But the personal visit of deputy minister Lee Chee Leong to our booth was a particular honour,” explains Noppakan Manawat, Sales Director for Southeast Asia with StrikoWestofen Thailand.

The Malaysian deputy minister of international trade and industry visited only a handful of exhibitors on the second day of the fair. At the StrikoWestofen booth, he showed particular interest in the “Green Foundry” philosophy of the company. This is the name given to the declared aim of making

aluminium foundries “Greener” using efficient technologies. The advantages of the Westomat dosing furnace exhibited were also dealt with in this connection. Low energy consumption and minimum metal loss are equally convincing arguments here. The Westomat requires only one third of the energy required by usual ladle furnaces and has a metal loss of only 0.06 percent. “We call it our efficiency master, says Isabella Greguol, Marketing Manager for StrikoWestofen in Asia. “Also, the closed system meets the growing demand of foundries here for particularly pure melt.”

The automotive industry in Malaysia is growing constantly too and so is the attractiveness of the region for companies from all over the world. The StrikoWestofen Group has long recognized the potential of the Asian market: just recently, the company opened a new site in Bangkok, and another one is to follow in Japan before the year is out.

## Vulcan Engineering creates high capacity Rollovers



**V**ulcan Engineering recently shipped a 16 ton Gantry Style Donovan Manipulator. The unit is designed to move over a conveyor to draw the flask package, lift and move the flask to a coating area. Once there, the Rollover will rotate the flask to allow for manual coating of the mold. After coating, the rollover will move the flask to another conveyor and set the flask on

a bottom board to transfer to curing. Another similar manipulator closes the molds at the end of the line.

Donovan mold handling equipment is a product of Vulcan Engineering Co. and is designed to handle, roll over and close cope, drag or complete molds or flasks. This equipment can hold different molds level regardless of center of gravity. Vulcan Engineering has built capable hydraulic systems that can run continuously without overheating. Self-contained hydraulics ensures low maintenance, trouble-free operation. Securely hold molds for core setting, venting, cleaning and closing, without loss of position. Eliminate the use of belts and chains by employing the long-wearing gear drive. Systems and equipment are available for use on molds with flasks as well as flaskless molds.

## US Shredder and Castings Group opens new Sales Office at South Carolina

**T**he U.S. Shredder and Castings Group, Miramar Beach, Florida, says it has opened a new sales office in Lake City, South Carolina, in the northeast. Systems Manager Ryan Njavro and account managers Drew Tigner and Gretchen Njavro will be based in the new location.



President Bill Tigner says, “Lake City offers us a great central East Coast location to expand our growing customer service capabilities, especially for castings and wear parts. In the future, we plan to expand the location to include a warehouse for our East Coast inventory of wear parts as well.”

The location has the capability to perform some light fabrication work and also is the base of operations for U.S. Shredder's sister company, A Fines Solutions, which provides nonferrous equipment to operations using a profit-sharing model. The company says it will maintain its headquarters in Miramar Beach and its business office in Peoria, Illinois.