

## PYROTEK OPENS NEW FACILITY IN MEXICO

In December 2009, Pyrotek Mexico officially announced the opening of their new Apodaca plant with an open house. Allan Roy, President and CEO, led the celebration, which included all Pyrotek and Metaullics Mexico employees, guests and some of the company's key customers in Mexico. He outlined Pyrotek's footprint worldwide and underscored the importance of Mexico for the future growth of the entire organization with the Apodaca plant now established as the North American manufacturing platform. He also highlighted Pyrotek's recent developments on a wider front, for example as a leader in latest battery technologies. Luis Berlanga, Apodaca Plant General Manager, next welcomed guests and outlined the development of Pyrotek Mexico, and key steps the company has made in Mexico since 1998.

Following the opening ceremony, a plant tour was conducted for guests to view the production areas and understand the vast manufacturing capabilities now available within the plant. This Apodaca facility includes 80,000 ft<sup>2</sup> of production and warehouse space, and 6,000 ft<sup>2</sup> of office space, serving as the primary distribution point for foundry, aluminium, zinc and glass products in Mexico. Apodaca has become Pyrotek's North American manufacturing plant for dense fused silica (DFS) shapes, small refractory cast shapes, Pyrolanza TCPTs, RFM<sup>®</sup> ladles, tees & bells, and certain glass manufactured products. Very soon,

they will be adding MgO elements and RFM thermocouple tubes to their capabilities. Currently, approximately 130 different DFS shapes are being produced and over 60 different small precast shapes are manufactured in a range of materials, such as AR, SR, TG, Armorkast, Armorlite, Pyrocast 1100 and SiC 80. A multitude of different types of ceramic degassing tubes are also produced. Apodaca is also manufacturing over 13 different RFM ladle styles, and will soon be making the new thin-walled RFM ladle. Thirty-two different types of stacker bars are produced for the Mexican glass industry.

To conclude an important and festive day, all enjoyed the performances of a Mariachi band, as well a Mexican Dance Troupe presenting a delightful introduction to Mexican music and culture.

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*Pyrotek's new production and warehouse facility in Apodaca, Mexico*



*RFM production area*