

\$20,000 WILL BE AWARDED TO THE NEXT TITANIUM APPLICATIONS DEVELOPMENT WINNER

International Titanium Association (ITA) is seeking nominations for its 2009 Applications Development Award, the deadline to receive nominations is May 29th. The annual award recognizes individuals or groups demonstrating significant advances in the expanded use of titanium. An award of \$20,000 will be presented to the winner in September.

Interested parties may nominate any person(s) within the titanium sector and may nominate several different candidates for consideration. All nominations will be presented to the ITA Grant Committee. Those making nominations can include supplemental materials (such as a letter of recommendation or certificates) for the committee to review in determining the final selection. [Details](#)

RUSSIAN TECHNOLOGY AND AIRBUS SIGN \$4 BILLION TITANIUM CONTRACT

Airbus, the world's leading aircraft manufacturer, its parent company EADS, a global leader in aerospace, defence and related services and the Russian Technologies State Corporation's integrated structure VSMPO-AVISMA Corporation, the Russian Titanium manufacturer, have signed the biggest and longest-term contract in the history of Airbus/EADS cooperation with Russian industry. The agreement was signed in Moscow by Sergey Chemezov, General Director of the Russian Technologies State Corporation and Tom Enders, President and CEO of Airbus in the presence of Vladimir Putin, Russian Prime-Minister, Walter Jürgen Schmid, German Ambassador to Russia, Jean de Gliniasty, French Ambassador to Russia and Juan Antonio March Pujol, Spanish Ambassador to Russia.

The agreement covers the supply of Titanium to Airbus and other EADS Divisions until 2020. The scope of the contract includes the supply of Titanium and covers die forging parts for all existing Airbus aircraft, including new programmes such as the A350XWB. VSMPO-AVISMA Corporation may also machine Titanium products in order to develop a vertically integrated Titanium supply chain, starting from raw materials to finished products. [Details](#) [Details](#)



KENMARE PROMISES THAT MOMA WILL REACH FULL PRODUCTION IN 2009

Ireland's Kenmare Resources has reported that several steps were being taken to improve operations and output at its Moma titanium minerals operation, in Mozambique, where full production was now anticipated during the second half of the year.

In a commentary linked with the release of financial results for the year ended December 31, Kenmare chairperson **Charles Carvill** said that, while there had been output improvements over the past year, weather and construction problems, as well as plant underperformance, had frustrated its attempts to reach targeted output levels of 800 000 t/y.

"We remain confident that, despite the disappointing delays in achieving full production, the mine's potential is enormous," Carvill said, stressing that the mine's operating cost would eventually be in the lowest quartile for titanium feedstock producers.

A detailed plan to address production issues had been developed, together with a performance improvement project (PIP) to rectify deficiencies in the plant and equipment. Since the initiation of the PIP three months ago, about 75% of it had been completed across 326 action areas. [Details](#)

AEROSPACE TITANIUM PRICES IN A DOWNDRAFT

After a brief spell of stability, aerospace titanium prices appear to be caught in a downdraft again. Spot prices for standard 6 aluminum/4 vanadium ingot have fallen to between \$9 and \$10 per pound, about 9.5 percent below their recent range of about \$10 to \$11 per pound, according to market sources.

[Details](#)

TITANIUM MINING: LATEST OUTPUT CUTS

The latest Canadian miner to announce an extended summer shutdown is titanium producer **QIT-Fer et Titane**. All operations at the Tio open pit near Havre-St-Pierre and metallurgical complex at Sorel-Tracy will be temporarily suspended on July 12. The mine will reopen at the end of August, followed on Sept. 8 by the plant. [Details](#)

CHIBUTO HEAVY SANDS - LICENCE EXTENDED FOR SIX MONTHS

The Mozambican government has extended until October the licence to prospect for titanium-bearing mineral sands in the southern district of Chibuto, held by the Australian multinational BHP-Billiton. Speaking to reporters in Chibuto on Friday, the Minister of Mineral Resources, Esperanca Bias, said the extension was intended to give BHP-Billiton a chance to take a definitive position towards the Chibuto heavy sands deposit, that was once reputed to be the largest in the world. [Details](#)

BOEING AND VSMPO TITANIUM JV WILL OPEN IN JULY

Mr Sergei Chemezov general directors of the state corporation Rostekhnologii has said that a titanium joint venture between Boeing and VSMPO-Avisma will be opened in July.

Mr Chemezov said "We did not have to worry about serious understandings today, since everything has already been agreed. The agreement on formation of the JV has been signed. It will be opened during President Mr Barack Obama's visit to Russia." [Details](#)

ZAPORIZHIA TITANIUM AND MAGNESIUM MILL REORGANISED

The budget-sustained Zaporizhia-based titanium and magnesium mill has been reorganized into a state-run enterprise. The government decided in February to set up a state holding company Titan Ukrainy, which will comprise 100% of stocks in OJSC Sumykhimprom, state joint-stock company Titan, and Zaporizhia state titanium and magnesium mill after it is reorganized into an open-end joint-stock company. The Industry Ministry was determined to be the founder of Titan Ukrainy. Zaporizhia titanium and magnesium mill is a state-owned enterprise that is Ukraine's only producer of titanium sponge. Its designed capacity is 20,000 tonnes per year. About 90% of the company's output, which is used mainly in the space industry, is sold on foreign markets. [Details](#)



TITANIUM MAKER JOBS SEEN LIKELY CASUALTY OF F-22

Nearly one-fifth of the work force at Wyman-Gordon's titanium plant in Massachusetts and about 50 workers at RTI International Metals Inc.'s facility in Niles, Ohio, will lose their jobs if the Obama administration ends F-22 production, a prospect that now looks likely. [Details](#)

ALLEGHENY TECHNOLOGIES PROFITS TOP FORECASTS

Metals processor Allegheny Technologies Inc topped Wall Street forecasts by posting a first-quarter profit.

"While we will never be satisfied with being marginally profitable, our ability to generate positive results in the first quarter demonstrates the ongoing transformation of ATI into a uniquely positioned, globally-focused diversified specialty metals company said L.Patrick Hassey, Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer. 'ATI remained profitable and continued to generate positive cash flow in spite of the most challenging global economic conditions we have ever seen and a significant negative impact from out-of-phase raw material surcharges and indices" [Details](#)

EUROPEAN TITANIUM CONFERENCE 2009

23rd-24th June

The Titanium Information Group, in association with the Special Metals Forum and NAMTEC, is hosting a European Titanium Conference to be held at the Belfry Golf Club and Conference Centre, in Birmingham. The conference will cover up to date technical developments, academic research and market reviews from various perspectives. We have confirmed speakers from world leading organisations and renowned academic institutions. [Details](#)

