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STAHLINSTITUT, METATECH GMBH, AND GRANTA DESIGN CREATE NEW ONLINE INFORMATION RESOURCE FOR STEELS

StahlDat SX provides complete register of European steels

Cambridge, UK and Düsseldorf, Germany - Feb 1, 2012 - Granta Design, Metatech GmbH, and the Stahlinstitut VDEh (German Steel Institute) today announced the availability of a new online resource providing access to comprehensive data on European steels. The new StahlDat SX website provides engineers and materials scientists with simple access to the complete Stahl-Eisen-Liste (Register of European Steels), associated specifications, and properties. The website makes this data quick and easy to browse and search, combining the wealth of steel information compiled by the Stahlinstitut with Granta's industry-leading technology for managing, sharing, and using materials information.

For every steel in the Stahl-Eisen-Liste, the StahlDat SX database includes: material names, short names, material numbers, chemical composition, mechanical properties, thermal properties, usage, forms, and supplier information. The new system integrates all official Stahlinstitut steel data into a single resource, which will be continuously improved. Speed and ease of navigation is ensured through the use of the latest hardware and software.

Subscribers in manufacturing companies and research institutes can quickly find any European steel by entering any identifying designation (number, name, trade name). They can search for steels that meet property criteria and are available in the required form, and find similar materials or substitutes. They can find suppliers for a required material and data can be exported for use in design and analysis tools.

StahlDat SX will also help producers and vendors of steels. By ensuring that their materials are included in the database, these companies can help potential customers to match these products to appropriate applications.

"We appreciate the collaboration with Metatech and Granta Design as we can now offer much improved functionality and user friendliness together with extended contents to our members and customers" commends Dr. Peter Dahlmann, Executive Director of Stahlinstitut VDEh.

"By using GRANTA MI as a mature foundation for materials data management we were able to focus on content and needed virtually no programming to implement such a

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powerful system like StahlDat SX" explains Dr. Uwe Diekmann, Managing Director at Metatech GmbH.

"Granta has been very pleased to work with the Stahlinstitut in making this important information source available to the widest possible community of engineers and scientists," comments Dr Patrick Coulter, Chief Operating Officer at Granta Design. The StahlDat SX data is also available as a module for Granta's materials information management system, GRANTA MI. This means that it can be made available on a corporate network, integrated with all of the company's materials data.

LINKS TO FURTHER INFORMATION:

Stahlinstitut: <http://www.stahl-online.de>

Granta Design: <http://www.grantadesign.com>

Metatech GmbH: <http://www.meta-tech.de>

Supporting images: <http://www.grantadesign.com/news/media.htm>

StahlDat SX Online: <http://www.steel-data.eu>

About Stahlinstitut

Since 1998, the Steel Institute VDEh, the German Steel Federation, and other organisations and institutes of the steel industry have operated under the umbrella of the Stahl-Zentrum. They consolidate their tasks as legally autonomous organisations within the Stahl-Zentrum. The Stahl-Zentrum helps member organisations through targeted marketing in national and international competition, supports the further development of steel technology through the expansion of joint technical and scientific work. Furthermore it informs the general public about current developments in the steel industry.

About Metatech

Metatech GmbH is an expert materials consultancy providing consultancy, engineering, and implementation services in areas including product development (selection of materials, processes, and coatings), manufacturing (improvement of materials and energy efficiency), and eco design. Metatech also acts as a Granta representative and provides services relating to Granta products to customers in Germany, Austria, and Switzerland. Metatech is implementing materials data-systems for customers and extends these by supplying simulation systems for calculation of materials properties (JMatPro).

About Granta

Granta Design Limited are the materials information technology experts. Granta develops the leading software for materials information management in engineering enterprises, and the leading teaching resource for materials engineering education. Granta serves sectors as diverse as aerospace, defense, energy, medical devices, automotive, manufacture of consumer and industrial equipment, materials production, and publishing. Customers realize multi-million dollar benefits in reduced cost, enhanced product performance, improved quality, and faster design turnaround. Granta was founded in 1994 as a spinout from the University of Cambridge and the work of Professors Mike Ashby and David Cebon.

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