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# Glasspex India

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New Delhi, India**

**G**lasspex India International Exhibition for Glass – Production-Processing-Products is being held in Halls 12 and 12a of the Pragati Maidan exhibition centre in New Delhi in December. The event is being organised by Messe Düsseldorf and its subsidiary Messe Düsseldorf India, and many international trade associations from the glass industry, including AIGMF, iGLASS, CREDAI, SESI and VDMA, are involved in the event.

Glasspex India is aimed at experts from different industries, such as machine manufacturing, glass (basic glass, processed and finished glass or glass suppliers), construction, window and façade engineering, car manufacturing and solar engineering, who wish to be given an insight into the entire value-added chain, with more than 100 exhibitors from 16 countries presenting their products and services.

There are also several other events running in parallel to the trade fair, such as the 8th conference organised by the All India Glass Manufacturers' Federation (AIGMF). Solar energy generation is the subject of a special show that is premiering at Glasspex India. Nine companies from Germany, Austria and the Netherlands will present solar modules, glass and solar energy systems, solar collectors and PV cells in a display of the latest developments and applications.

### AN INTERVIEW WITH SANJAY SOMANY, MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF THE ALL INDIA GLASS MANUFACTURERS' FEDERATION (AIGMF)



SANJAY SOMANY

**Q: What role does India play in the international glass industry?**

**A:** India is possibly the only growing market for the glass industry which has a growth rate of 11-14% on average, with container glass growing at over 15%. Flat glass has managed single digit growth and has shown some signs of improvement in recent times.

**Q: Because of this you are having a trade fair for the glass industry in India; can you tell us about that?**

**A:** Glasspex India is something which we at Glass Federation had discussed with Messe Düsseldorf and we have had this in our mind for some time. We had discussed with Dr Zippe, a colleague from the glass industry, and it seems right that we go away from a poster-style exhibition to a much larger industrial outfit so that we can get a lot of new technologies and services which are required for the big growth of the glass industry in India.

**Q: The AIGMF is also playing a very big role in this trade fair, can you us give more information on this?**

A: AIGMF is the federation of all glass industries in India. It is a non-profit organisation and it is the catalyst in getting all the people in different kinds of glass business together under one umbrella so that we can conduct something so large and pull it off without lots of issues in the industry. Parallel to Glasspex India 2009, AIGMF is organising the 8th International Glass Technology

Conference on the theme 'Cutting costs and increasing productivity'. This theme has been selected to enable Indian glass manufacturers to improve their competitive position in the international market. With the globalisation of the Indian economy, restrictions on imports have been practically done away with. Being a

member of the WTO there may be further liberalisation in the coming days. Thus it is extremely important that glass manufacturers have the capability to compete with the best in the world. Speakers' concentration on this theme will go a long way in educating participants about the ways and means of cost-cutting.

### EXHIBITORS

The following companies will be exhibiting at Glasspex India:

Advance Group of Glass Industries, Ai Po Li, Alibaba, Ambeg, Artenergy Publishing, Asian Glass, Associated Ceramics, BBF, BDF Industries, Borosil, Bottero, Bystronic, Car-Met, CDGI, Ceramic Decorators, Citann Engineers India, CMS, DahLing Hardware, Dax Magazine, Dornbusch, DSF Refractories & Minerals, Dukhiram Maurya, Dura Temp, Electroglass, Emhart Glass, Emmeti, FIC (UK), Fickert & Winterling, Fives Stein (BHF), Flammatec, Forma Glas, Forum Branzowe, Frazier Simplex, futronic, Getriebebau NORD, Glass Bulletin, Glass Equipment (India), Glass Machinery World, Glass Service, Glass Technology, Glass View, Glass Worldwide, Glasstec Düsseldorf, Glaswerke Arnold, Grenzebach, Hager Sondermaschinenbau, Heat Applications India, Heye International, Hindusthan National Glass & Industries, HNG Float Glass, Höganäs India, Horn Glass, IAG (formerly Indo Asahi Group), Indiamart, Indotherm Furnace & Engineers, IRIS Inspection Machines, Jasubhai Media, JSJ Jodeit, KL-Megla, Klöpffer Maschinenteknik, La Opala, Lattimer, Logicon Engineers, Löwinger, Maithan, Morex Petrochem / Adex Petrochem, Motim, OCL, Parkinson-Spencer Refractories, P-D Refractories, Pennekamp, Pennine, Pharma Review, Pneumofore, PTDyson, Quantum Engineered Products, Rafbrix, Raute (Lahti Precision), Real Estate Review, Reflective, RHI, Rondot Graphoidal, Saint-Gobain SEFPRO, Scheuten Solar, SGCC-MSC, SGS, Shamvik Glasstech, Sheppee, Shreno Ltd, Software & Technologie Glass, Solarfocus, Solarwatt, Sorg-EME, Special Ceramics, Stara Glass, Sulfurcell, Sunways, Swarup International, TEKA Maschinenbau, Tempsens, Thomex, Toledo, Tradeindia, Transveigh India, Ungricht, US Glass, VDMA, VM Corporation, Wagner & Co Solartechnik, Waltec, Windo, Zecchetti, Zippe.

**Q: Compared with other events taking place in India, how do you rate Glasspex India?**

A: Glasspex India is shaping up very well and has the best industry support. I am sure Messe Düsseldorf's expertise of organising a high standard B2B exhibition will make it the best networking platform for the entire glass fraternity in India. ■

### FURTHER INFORMATION:

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