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Kimura Foundry adopts SinterCast process control technology

- SinterCast Mini-System 3000 to be installed during fourth quarter
- Compacted Graphite Iron prototyping and niche volume production
- Fourth SinterCast installation in Japan; twentieth installation in Asia

[Shizuoka, Japan and Stockholm, 1 October 2018] – Kimura Foundry Company, Ltd., a ferrous cast metal foundry located in Japan, has entered into a technology supply agreement with the Swedish process control specialist SinterCast for Compacted Graphite Iron (CGI) product development, prototyping and niche volume production. Under terms of the agreement, SinterCast will install a Mini-System 3000 at the Kimura Foundry located in Shizuoka, Japan. The Mini-System 3000, which is planned to be shipped during November and commissioned before year-end, will enable Kimura Foundry to independently produce high quality CGI components for its global customer base.

“Adding CGI casting capability with the SinterCast process will position Kimura as a leading global casting supplier for new product development. Together with our Full Mould Process and 3D sand printing capabilities, global OEMs and partner foundries can leverage Kimura’s engineering and casting capabilities for short lead-time prototype castings, providing design engineers with the ability to rapidly develop new engine programmes or other component applications” said Mr. Kazutoshi Kimura, President of Kimura Foundry Company, Ltd. “We look forward to the CGI installation, which will provide an opportunity for us to play a key role in the global growth of CGI.”

“The Kimura order reaffirms the trend toward CGI for demanding casting applications. Kimura will now be able to offer complete CGI casting solutions for automotive, commercial vehicle, and industrial power OEMs for prototyping and niche volume production” said Dr Steve Dawson, President & CEO of SinterCast. “The Kimura installation marks our fourth installation in Japan and our twentieth installation in Asia. We are pleased that our longstanding support of CGI development in Asia, combined with our commitment to local commercial and technical support, has led to Kimura’s decision to adopt our technology.”

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Kimura Foundry is a leading ferrous prototype and low volume production foundry group. Kimura utilises advanced technologies to continuously provide the world with casting solutions supporting a variety of industries. Located in Shizuoka, Japan, Kimura Foundry specialises in casting production using the Full Mould Process, also known as the lost foam process. Kimura also has extensive 3D sand printing capabilities at their Advanced Process Technology Center, CAD/CAM modelling, reverse engineering capabilities, and solidification modelling for full service casting solutions. Kimura has multiple casting and machining plants in Japan, and a new foundry location in Shelbyville, IN, USA.

SinterCast is the world’s leading supplier of process control technology for the reliable high volume production of Compacted Graphite Iron (CGI). With at least 75% higher tensile strength, 45% higher stiffness and approximately double the fatigue strength of conventional grey cast iron and aluminium, CGI allows engine designers to improve performance, fuel economy and durability while reducing engine size, weight, noise and emissions. The SinterCast technology is primarily used for the production of petrol and diesel engine cylinder blocks and exhaust components for passenger vehicles; medium-duty and heavy-duty cylinder blocks and heads for commercial vehicles; and, industrial power engine components for marine, rail, off-road and stationary engine applications. SinterCast supports the series production of components ranging from 2.7 kg to 9 tonnes, all using the same proven process control technology. As a specialist supplier of precision measurement and process control solutions to the metals industry, SinterCast also supplies a suite of tracking

technologies, including the SinterCast Ladle Tracker[®], Cast Tracker[™] and Operator Tracker[™] to improve process control, productivity and traceability in a variety of applications. With 49 installations in 14 countries, SinterCast is a publicly traded company, quoted on the Nasdaq Stockholm stock exchange (SINT). For more information: www.sintercast.com

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