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### At AISTech 2025, HWI, a member of Calderys, highlights reliable and innovative refractory solutions for steelmakers

**Pittsburgh, PA, USA - May 1, 2025** – At AISTech 2025, HWI, a member of Calderys (Booth 2129), a leading supplier of refractory products and services in the Americas, reaffirms its 160-year-old commitment to providing steelmakers with reliable and innovative refractory solutions.

*“Refractories play a critical role in successful steel production. We are leveraging our extensive U.S. production footprint, local-to-local supply chain strategies, and deep industry expertise to ensure reliability, competitiveness, and value for our partners. Our focus is on helping customers keep their operations running safely and efficiently. And we are well-positioned to provide innovations that extend refractory campaign life and reduce downtime and emissions,”* says **Ross Wilkin, Senior Vice President, Americas at Calderys Group.**

HWI’s investments in local capacity over the past years ensure that steelmakers have a stable and reliable supply of domestically finished refractory products and services. Over the past years, the company has built two U.S. plants: its Alabama One (AL1) manufacturing facility for steel customers in the southern United States and a state-of-the-art monolithics plant in South Point, Ohio.

HWI has also invested in extensive capacity-building at several of its existing U.S. facilities, including White Cloud, Michigan operations, a primary location for steel industry refractory products, and the Windham, Ohio facility, which produces a diverse product portfolio for steel and other industries.

The production network HWI has built across the Americas is complemented by a large team of field engineers and technical specialists who support customers with tailored installation, troubleshooting, and training. With Calderys’ and HWI’s legacies as industry innovators, the Group continues to expand its R&D functions to increase refractory lifespan and performance under harsher thermal and mechanical loads for longer campaign life and lower total cost of ownership.

Process innovations continue in technologies, including EAF-enhanced robotics, ladle refractory measurement, and user interface software for 3D modeling and more data-driven decision-making. These complement a full range of refractory ironmaking, steelmaking, and steel casting solutions.

*“Calderys’ expanding global R&D network includes HWI’s renowned Innovation Center in West-Mifflin, PA, a facility in India with more innovation capabilities under development there, and our newly announced Innovation Center in Germany. Our thriving R&D network continuously identifies products and processes to extend refractory life and performance,”* notes **Bruno Touzo, Senior Vice President, Innovation & Technology at Calderys.**

### About HWI, a member of Calderys

HWI is one of the leading suppliers of refractory products and services in the United States, with a history that spans more than 150 years. It is part of Calderys and is the brand for the Americas region of the Group. HWI counts 25 manufacturing sites and 20 distribution centers in the Americas, as well as the largest refractory industry research facility in North America. Serving virtually every major industry that requires refractory solutions to enhance production and protect assets, HWI is consistently recognized for its talented experts, industry firsts, and intensely driven excellence. For more information, visit <http://thinkhwi.com> and <https://calderys.com>.

### About Calderys

Calderys is a leading global provider for industries operating in high-temperature conditions. The Group specializes in thermal protection for industrial equipment with a wide range of refractory products and advanced solutions to enhance steel casting, metallurgical fluxes, and molding processes. With a presence in more than 30 countries and a strong footprint in the Americas through the brand HWI, Calderys' international network of experts ensures an end-to-end offer with tailored services. Drawing on over 150 years of experience, Calderys supports its customers in their energy transition needs. Headquartered in Paris, France, the Group counts 5,800 employees and contractors and 50 plants on five continents. For more information, visit [www.calderys.com](http://www.calderys.com)

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