

Calderys inaugurates Indian state-of-the-art facility in the presence of Odisha's Chief Minister

In a ceremony graced by Shri Mohan Charan Majhi, Hon'ble Chief Minister of Odisha, Calderys officially inaugurates its state-of-the-art plant in Odisha (also known as CAPES)—the world's largest single-site greenfield facility for refractories and steel casting fluxes.

Bhainpur, Khordha district, Odisha, India - April 9, 2026: Calderys officially inaugurated its new facility on April 8, 2026, in a ceremony honored by the presence of Shri Mohan Charan Majhi, Hon'ble Chief Minister of Odisha, and Shri Sampad Chandra Swain, Hon'ble Minister for Industries and Skill Development & Technical Education, alongside senior government officials, industry leaders, and distinguished guests.

This ceremony marks an important milestone for Calderys, as the facility has now successfully commissioned its first two production lines and is well advanced in its construction program. The acidic monolithics line entered commercial production in May 2025, followed by the basic monolithics line in November 2025. These two lines are already delivering high-performance refractory solutions to customers across India. Acidic and basic bricks lines, steel casting fluxes and taphole clays lines are currently under development and scheduled to become operational later in 2026.

Michel Cornelissen, President and CEO of Calderys said: *"As we continue to expand our global footprint, this new facility in Odisha opens an important new chapter for Calderys. India is a key market for us, and this investment reflects both our growth ambitions and our commitment to building strong, lasting relationships at the local level."*

Ish Mohan Garg, Senior Vice President of the Asia Pacific region of Calderys, said: *"Today is a proud moment for Calderys and for everyone who has contributed to the CAPES project. In less than two years since breaking ground, we are already delivering products to our Indian customers—a testament to the dedication of our teams and to the strong support we have received from the people and the Government of Odisha. We express our sincere thanks to the Government*



of Odisha for their continued support. This project reaffirms Calderys' strong belief in India's industrial potential and long-term growth."

Spanning 45 acres, the new plant will ultimately house six advanced production lines dedicated to acidic and basic monolithics and bricks, steel casting fluxes, and tap-hole clays, as well as cutting-edge quality testing units. Strategically located near major industrial hubs, it is designed to serve India's fast-growing iron & steel, cement, aluminum, petrochemical, energy and foundry sectors.

Satyendra Kumar, Director of Industrial Operations and Projects, Southwest Asia at Calderys added: *"CAPES is an investment in India's industrial future and in the communities of Odisha. With two lines already in commercial production and more coming online this year, we are delivering on our promise to bring world-class refractory solutions closer to our customers, faster than ever. We are committed to continuing this momentum to deliver excellence and drive innovation for Odisha and its people."*

The facility has been designed with sustainability at its core, incorporating solar energy and clean fuel, dust emission control, rainwater harvesting, zero-water discharge systems, and 33% green cover across the site. Once completed, it will create 350 skilled jobs, with Calderys committed to providing vocational training and long-term career pathways for the youth of Odisha.

By localizing production, reducing India's reliance on imports, and creating skilled employment, this investment embodies the spirit of the Atmanirbhar Bharat and Make in India initiatives, positioning Calderys at the forefront of Odisha's industrial growth.

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 (HarbisonWalker International), Calderys' international network of experts ensures an end-to-end offer with tailored services. Drawing on 160 years of experience, Calderys supports its customers in their energy transition needs. Headquartered in Paris, France, the Group counts 4,500 employees (excluding contractors), and more than 50 plants on five continents.

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