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FOREWORD

To participants and guests of the INFACON-14 International Ferroalloys Congress

Dear participants and guests of the Congress!

On behalf of the National Academy of Sciences of Ukraine Presidium and on my own behalf I am sincerely glad to welcome all participants and guests of the INFACON-14 International Ferroalloys Congress in the capital of Ukraine, Kyiv city!

Ferroalloy industry is a field without the products of which one can hardly imagine smelting of various steel grades and alloys in ferrous and nonferrous metal industries. It is no accident that ferroalloys are also called “vitamins for steel” which use changes radically all service specifications of alloy metal and the dynamics of ferroalloy industry development conforms fully to world steel production volume growth indexes.

Over forty years of their history, INFACON international ferroalloys congresses became the most reputable forums for experts of ferroalloy and allied industries. Participation in these Congresses will allow getting the right assessment of technical and technological levels, guiding theoretical researches and projects in a right direction, defining perspective directions of development and work performance on technical upgrading of ferroalloy production, including design of new equipment, electric furnace building, production waste processing, energy efficiency, solutions to environmental problems etc.

As an integral part of mining and metallurgy sector of the country, Ukrainian ferroalloy industry makes good headway contributing significantly to Ukrainian economy, cooperating with the National Academy of Sciences and universities as well as with international ferroalloy community.

I am sure that INFACON-14 International Ferroalloys Congress will be an important milestone in the way of development of global ferroalloy science and technology of the entire ferroalloy industry. I wish you successful and fruitful work during plenary meetings and workshops within the framework of this event, tech tours as well as take advantage of the possibility to get acquainted with our country, its ancient capital Kyiv city and appreciate the hospitality of our people occupied with peaceful constructive labour.

The Honorary Chairman
of the INFACON-14 Congress,
The President of the National Academy of Sciences of Ukraine
Boris PATON
To guests and participants of the International Ferroalloys Congress INFACON-14

On behalf of the Extended Programme Committee and Organizing Committee on holding INFACON-14 International Ferroalloys Congress, Ukrainian Association of Ferroalloys and other Electrometallurgical Products Manufactures (UkrFA) we are glad to welcome all delegates and guests of our Congress!

Over its forty year history INFACON congresses became the most significant forums for scientists and experts in the field of ferroalloy production with the traditional exchange of information and opinions on relevant issues of ferroalloy industry development, production of new ideas and directions, presentation and discussion of new achievements in the field of design of efficient ferroalloy equipment and construction of new enterprises. And finally, it is a meeting place for associates and like-minded friends.

The slogan of our fourteenth Congress is ‘Energy efficiency and environmental friendliness are the future of the global Ferroalloy industry’, and we hope that this will be the key approach in the Congress subject area to be discussed within plenary meetings and workshops in the days to come. The same topic will be raised during such events as traditional Technical exhibition and tech tours to leading ferroalloy plants of Ukraine.

The present book contains 102 reports which will be heard during 2 plenary sessions and 24 break-out sessions of 14 sections of the Congress. All reports have been peer-reviewed, for this purpose the large team of international experts has been involved. Program and Organizing committees express sincere thanks to all authors and reviewers for their work.

We also express our appreciation to Chairman of the International Committee on Ferroalloys Nic Barcza and to the Committee Secretary General Rodney Jones for their help in organizing and holding of Congress INFACON-14. We wish to give special thanks to Chairman of the Congress INFACON-13 Manat Tolymbekov whose experience and advices have proved very useful for our work.

INFACON-14 takes place in the capital of Ukraine - the ancient city of Kyiv and as organizers of the Congress we will do our best to provide all our participants and guests with an opportunity to admire amenities and ancient monuments of our capital, get acquainted with Ukrainian customs and traditions, estimate Ukrainian cuisine at its true worth and feel cordiality and hospitality of the Ukrainians.

We wish delegates and guests of the INFACON-14 successful and fruitful work during the Congress in Kyiv. We wish you every happiness, good health and prosperity for years to come!

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WELCOME TO INFACON XIV IN KYIV, UKRAINE, ON BEHALF OF THE INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE ON FERRO-ALLOYS (ICFA)

It is with great pleasure that we extend, on behalf of ICFA, our very warm welcome to all the delegates, sponsors, and other participants at Infacon XIV in Kyiv in May/June 2015.

The hosting of Infacon XIV was initiated and organised by the Ukrainian Association of Ferroalloys and other Electrometallurgical Products Manufacturers (UkrFA).

ICFA believes that all participants will enjoy the 14th International Ferro-Alloys Congress that is being hosted for the first time in Ukraine, and also appreciates the valuable contributions you will make during both the technical and social programme and your support for the exhibition and post-Congress tours.

ICFA would like also to express our sincere appreciation to the Infacon XIV Organising and Technical Programme Committees as well as to all those who have assisted them with the planning, promotion, organising and hosting of this important international event.

ICFA would like to thank the Chairman of Infacon XIV, Professor Sergey Grishchenko, and his team for the dedication that they have shown to arranging Infacon XIV since June 2013 when it was awarded to Ukraine at the ICFA meeting held during Infacon XIII in Almaty, Kazakhstan.

ICFA would like to thank the UkrFA for making the commitment to host Infacon XIV, and to also express our appreciation to Sergey Kudryavtsev and Natalya Legkaya, Director of the Public Association Infacon XIV. We feel sure that ICFA’s acknowledgement to the Organising Committee and their team is endorsed by all participants at Infacon XIV.

The International Committee on Ferro-Alloys (ICFA) plans to hold its next meeting during Infacon XIV, and will announce the host for Infacon XV during the closing ceremony of this Congress on 3 June 2015.

We look forward to a truly interesting technical and a most enjoyable social programme in Kyiv during Infacon XIV, as well as the support of all the ferro-alloys producers, and a maximum level of participation from all the ferro-alloys producing regions.

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Greetings from SMS Company – Platinum sponsor of INFACON 14

SMS is delighted to be the platinum sponsor for this year’s Infacon Congress. This traditional congress is a perfect platform to get actual information regarding markets, key technologies and other important topics related to the ferroalloy industry.

For the near future, the metal market prospective seems to be stable. The ferroalloy prices of most metals are driven by the constant growth in the steel industry. SMS is quite optimistic to benefit from some good business opportunities in the upcoming years.

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We look forward to meeting you and discussing about the existing projects, market trends and other issues.

Enjoy the Congress!

Dr. Rolf Degel
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