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Imerys: Unlocking the sustainable potential of minerals

In an interview, Imerys global sustainability director Nancy Bunt discusses the work Imerys is doing to sustainably manage the consumption of minerals and how this work applies to the refractories industry.

by Eileen De Guire



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Structure and thermodynamics of oxides/carbides/nitrides/borides at high temperatures

The 2nd Structure and Thermodynamics of Oxides/carbides/nitrides/borides at High Temperature (STOHT2) conference took place at Arizona State University from Oct. 4–7, 2022. This article provides a snapshot of the meeting, including a look at currently used experimental and computational techniques, their key limitations, and possible future directions for research.

by Qi-Jun Hong, Sergey V. Ushakov, Kristina Lilova, Alexandra Navrotsky, and Scott J. McCormack



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Value-add of thermal energy storage systems in the ceramics industry

Kraftblock (Sulzbach, Germany) has developed a widely applicable high-temperature thermal energy storage system that could help reduce emissions in the ceramics industry.

by Martin Schichtel

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Solar panels on the rehabilitated Par Moor Blackpool kaolin mining site in Cornwall, United Kingdom. Multinational group Imerys S.A. has numerous ongoing initiatives to sustainably manage the consumption of minerals. Credit: Philippe Zamora and Dominique Lecuire

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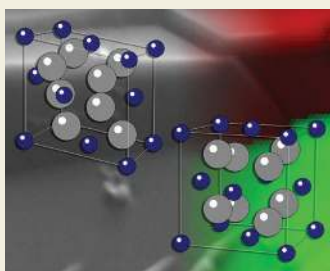


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