

Developments in Turkish Refractory Industry

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Turkey has growing economy. Construction is one of the largest sectors in Turkey. The increase in infrastructure construction activities is the primary driver for the Turkish economy. Refractory material is a key material for the production of steel, cement, lime and glass which is used for construction sector. The refractories industry largely follows trends set by its main driver, steel and cements industries. The steel, cement and lime industries are estimated to account for about 85% of the total refractory market. There is an increase in steel and cement production capacity of Turkey in 2017. Therefore, the demand for refractories is expected to rise from the cement and iron-steel industries. The Turkish refractories market is growing at a moderate pace. The refractory companies are extensively working on enhancing their production capacity, product portfolio and bringing out new, customized products. Despite their crucial role, manufacturers of these products are facing significant challenges from changing global trends. The situation of Turkish refractory industry, effects on the economy and new trends were summarized in this work.

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