

**SECAT AWARDED PRESTIGIOUS CONTRACT
FROM THE US DEPARTMENT OF STATE
TO PROMOTE ALUMINUM INDUSTRY INTERACTIONS BETWEEN THE US AND INDIA**

Secat, Inc. of Lexington, Kentucky, has won a two-year award from the U.S. State Department's Asia Pacific Partnership (APP) Program to initiate technical aluminum collaboration between the United States and India.

"This project will be a critical first step toward meeting the long-term needs of the industry as it moves through an expected period of dramatic growth in India," said Subodh K. Das, president and CEO of Secat. The award will support Secat's development of an internet-based register of technology providers and stakeholders, which would provide easier access to necessary resources.

Secat, affiliated with the University of Kentucky, is a for-profit company dedicated to providing technical and business research and development resources for the global aluminum industry.

According to industry estimates, the yearly demand for aluminum products in India will grow by 6-8%. Per capita consumption of aluminum in India is now less than 1 kg as compared to 25 to 30 kg in the United States and Europe. The anticipated rapid growth would require construction of production facilities. It would also generate increasing need in both the U.S. and India to develop improved process technologies that would reduce energy requirements, reduce adverse environmental impacts, improve worker health and safety, maximize product quality, and minimize product costs.

"Meeting those needs will require close interaction between technologists, equipment suppliers, trade and professional societies, government agencies, and aluminum manufacturers in both countries," Das said.

The register will list all key aluminum organizations for aluminum suppliers, manufacturers and customers, including, but not limited to state (province) and federal governments, trade and professional societies, and private foundations in both United States and India. The system will also provide search capabilities to address questions on aluminum processes, products and testing procedures, including providers for such services. In addition to availability on the internet, the results will be promoted at technical, business, and trade conferences.

Secat and its team of collaborators and consultants, professional societies, equipment suppliers, and aluminum companies will work together to carry out the project. The plan will involve brainstorming sessions to identify the organizations that should be included in the proposed interactive register. The sessions will be scheduled to coincide with major aluminum-related technical meetings in the United States and India.

The program is scheduled to be completed in two years.

"As the aluminum industry grows rapidly in India, this provides a great growth opportunity for Secat and the University of Kentucky," Das said.

About the Asia-Pacific Partnership

The APP brings together the governments and private sectors of Australia, Canada, China, India, Japan, the Republic of Korea, and the United States in an innovative effort to facilitate investment in and deployment of clean energy technologies, goods, and services; accelerate the sharing of energy-efficient best practices; and identify policy barriers to the diffusion of clean energy technologies.

The autumn 2007 grants for India-based projects bring the total U.S. Government commitment for APP in 2007 is \$45 million. These initial investments are expected to leverage over \$120 million of additional clean energy financing during the life of the funded projects.

For more information about the Asia-Pacific Partnership on Clean Development and Climate, please visit www.asiapacificpartnership.org