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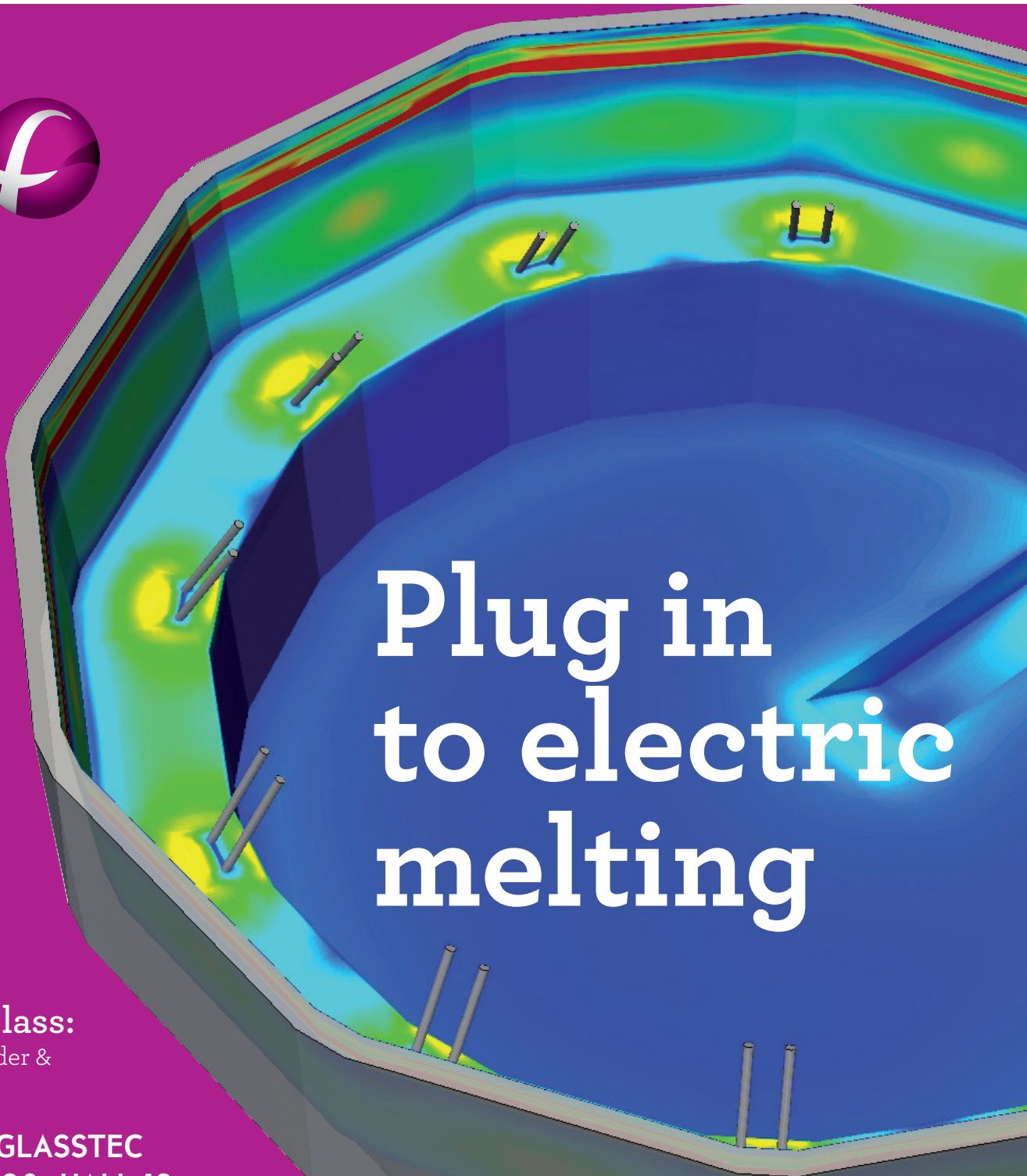
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## NEWS IN BRIEF

**Strategic Materials closes recycling facility**

US recycler Strategic Materials has closed its Franklin, Mass. facility as a result of the shutdown of a nearby Ardagh container glass plant.

Ardagh shut its Milford, Mass. container glass manufacturing facility in March.

The Strategic site had an annual capacity of 100,000 tonnes and sourced material from recycling programmes from the region.

Strategic Materials said: "We are working to move the material in Franklin and Rhode Island to other applications and regions."

**Schott success**

The German processor, Schröder Spezialglas, plans to use Borofloat speciality glass by Schott for cars.

Ulrich Schuster, CEO at Schröder Spezialglas in Ellerau near Hamburg, said: "We've been using this special float glass for over two decades now.

"We've used it to produce parts and technical glass that were unrivalled by others."

The speciality glass also opens up entirely new shapes for holographic head-up displays, which show turns or warnings of obstacles directly on the windshield within the driver's view and is known as augmented reality.

**Fuchs acquires VDV**

The Fuchs group has acquired Belgian glass container supplier VDV Lubricants.

Fuchs said the acquisition brings additional specialist technology for the glass container manufacturing industry and follows its acquisition of Batoyle Freedom Group in 2014.

The VDV lubricant portfolio will form part of the current Fuchs Lubritech glass lubricants range.

It will be incorporated into the Technical Centre of Excellence for glass industry lubricants located at Fuchs in the UK and be managed as part of the Fuchs Lubritech specialist division in the UK.

# Anchor Glass mixer machine blends material for 38 years

A Rotary Glass Batcher brought on line in 1980 at Anchor Glass Container Corp still mixes the ingredients that produce more than a million glass containers per day.

It is estimated that over the past 38 years it has helped produce 14 trillion containers and 3.6 million tonnes of material.

The 1.4m<sup>3</sup> capacity GB-50 Rotary Glass Batcher supports the flint glass line that produces bottles and jars made of clear sodium silicate glass at Anchor's Elmira, NY facility.

"Glass containers have been manufactured at the location since 1912 when Thatcher Glass Manufacturing operated the factory," says Michael



Gesek, Engineering Services Manager, who has been with the company for 24 years. "The location has two furnaces, one for amber glass and one for flint glass," he explained.

The Rotary Glass Batcher (pictured) was manufactured by Munson Machinery Company and installed on a new glass production line, and was rebuilt in 2011.

## O-I appoints Reckmann as thermocouple supplier

Global glass container manufacturer O-I has appointed Reckmann as its majority thermocouple supplier.

Reckmann will supply O-I's plants in Europe, Asia, Australasia, South and Central America. It will not supply O-I's plants in North America.

Reckmann was founded in 1970 and has 190 staff at its Hagen, Germany plant.

Its product range includes thermocouples type S,R, B -

also with platinum thimbles, sheathed thermocouple assemblies and resistance thermometers.

Stefan Ribjitzki, General Manager (pictured), said: "We have specialised in the manufacturing of thermocouples for the glass industry (forehearts/feeder/stack/crown) for years and this cooperation is a huge step within our international direction."



## Knauf plans Malaysian plant

Knauf Insulation is to build a €120 million plant in Malaysia to meet demand for its mineral wool insulation solutions in the Asia Pacific region.

"We have seen record sales due to increasing energy costs

across Asia and more stringent energy-saving building regulations in countries such as Australia, Japan and Korea," said Stuart Dunbar, Regional General Manager for the Asia Pacific Region at Knauf Insu-

lation.

The facility will offer customers services and a wider product range for residential and non-residential buildings specifically tailored for the Asian Pacific market.