

Press Release

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CEMAFON die-casting and gravity die-casting machine manufacturers confirm their leading position on the global market

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The global market volume for die-casting and gravity die-casting machines* declined by about ten percent to EUR 883 million from 2015 to 2016. Of the five major supplier countries, only deliveries from Italy (up 16 percent) and Switzerland (up 4 percent) saw any increase. In 2016, Italy was the largest exporter of die-casting machines, ahead of Japan and China.

Higher market share for CEMAFON in 2016

In this context, the global market share of the CEMAFON members – Denmark, Germany, Italy, Spain and Switzerland – increased to 45 percent (up 7 percent), giving an export volume for the CEMAFON countries of EUR 400 million, compared to EUR 377 million in 2015. This contrasts with a global market share of 25 percent for Japan (EUR 219 million) and 10 percent for China (EUR 89 million).

Growth in exports to Europe, but deliveries to Asia down

Regional changes in exports by CEMAFON member countries show continued positive development on the European and North American markets, but a cooling in the growth markets in Asia.

More than half of the die-casting machines produced in the CEMAFON member countries were supplied to other destinations within Europe in 2016. At EUR 212 million, the proportion represented by intra-European sales was up approximately 14 percent year on year. This masks a double-edged change, however: exports from the CEMAFON countries to the EU28 grew 24 percent to EUR 189 million, whereas exports to the rest of Europe fell by 31 percent to EUR 22.5 million.

With a volume of EUR 82 million, CEMAFON exports to Asia, in particular, were in decline in 2016 (minus 14 percent), although this was less pronounced than the global change in die-casting machine exports to Asia (down 20 percent). Deliveries to central and southern Asia fell the most (minus 62 percent). Down by a lesser amount were exports to eastern Asia (down 10 percent), while exports to south-east Asia picked up slightly (up 6 percent).

The volume of sales from the CEMAFON countries to North America in 2016 was 32 percent higher than in the previous year, at EUR 58 million, while the value of deliveries to the Near and Middle East quadrupled in this timeframe, to almost EUR 12 million.

“Die-casting machines are needed, on the one hand, where there is a strong or strengthening middle class that demands high-quality, long-lasting consumables, like cars and electronic products, and on the other, where there is an established basis for such exports, or where that basis is being expanded or extended,” commented Dr Timo Würz, General Secretary CEMAFON. “As a result, the CEMAFON members, with their innovative machines and plant, are counting on a return to growth in exports to Asia in the medium term.”

About CEMAFON

CEMAFON (The European Foundry Equipment Suppliers Association) was founded in 1972. The members are the national European associations and thus all the major manufacturers of foundry machinery and plant, furnaces and products for the European foundry industry. The association represents the economic and technical interests of its members worldwide, provides information and creates a platform for the exchange of opinions on a European level. CEMAFON is the initiator and, together with CAEF (The European Foundry Association), organiser of the International Foundry Forum (IFF) – “the key event for CEOs”. The next IFF will be held on 11 October 2018 in Amsterdam, the Netherlands.

* The statistical data listed below relates to article number 845430 “die-casting machinery, high-pressure die-casting machinery”.