



Historical Summary

IMC-MetalsAmerica (IMC) began producing copper and other metallic anodes in the late 1940's in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, USA. As the company expanded over the ensuing decades, a search was initiated for a modern, technically-advanced and environmentally-sound site with room for expansion. In 1990, the company purchased from British Petroleum a nearly-new foundry (previously operated by the Narrow Strip Division of Chase Brass) in Shelby, North Carolina. Located within 600 miles of the vast majority of the nation's industrial centers and close to several deep-water ports, Cleveland County is a superb area with a high-talent workforce and low-cost electrical energy.

This acquisition also incorporated the patented Chase technology for the world's fastest upward continuous casting of copper rod, inline with hot rolling mills. IMC's proprietary processes produce an ultrafine-grained copper matrix. This metallographic structure, thoroughly tested and adopted by the most demanding electroplating engineers worldwide, soon resulted in their embrace of the IMC product in 45 different countries.

In 2009, the company was recapitalized as a part of Prime Materials Holding, a wholly-owned subsidiary of Prime Materials Recovery, Inc. Under this new structure, new state-of-the art equipment, infrastructure, processes and products are being implemented to expand the range of applications that demand the highest-performance materials available.

IMC's current product offerings include:

- A complete family of copper anodes for electroplating, with distribution channels that deliver to consumers around the world.

- Wirerod (which meets or exceeds CDA 10100 specifications) for high-performance wire products.

- Copper alloy in ingot form for a variety of metallurgical applications.

The IMC brand name has long been associated with the world's finest copper anodes for electroplating. The IMC website (www.imc-ma.com) provides a wealth of information regarding the company's products and technical documentation.