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**On the cover:** Turnkey automated bulk batching system handles refractories products at Alsey Refractories Co., in Alsey, IL. Batching system consists of 20 rotationally molded polyethylene dispensing hoppers each with storage capacity of up to 54 cubic feet. System's batching speed is 5 to 8 minutes per 2,300- to 4,000-pound batched formula with accuracy to within ounces. System features a hand-add station with digital interface. Courtesy of Ingredient Masters, Cincinnati, OH, 513-231-7432 (www.ingredientmasters.com).

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