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Review Paper: The Role of Antioxidants in Refractory Products

Client:

Joint project with participating companies from the industry dialogue Steel meets Refractory (SMR), executed by the Research Association for Refractories (FGF).

Background & Motivation

Antioxidants in refractory materials are controversial. There is evidence that they extend service life, but they complicate recycling. To date, there is a lack of scientifically based decision-making criteria for when their use is truly necessary. This review provides clarity and supports the industry in:

- **Increasing recycling rates** through targeted use of antioxidants,
- **Strengthening supplier relationships** through a shared knowledge base for refractory and steel manufacturers,
- **Cost reduction** by avoiding unnecessary additives,
- **Compliance** with future circular economy regulations,
- **Supporting your own R&D** without additional effort,
- **Providing arguments and negotiation bases** for your sales team.

Objectives

The review consolidates the current state of science and practice, from literature research to anonymized case studies, creating a solid knowledge base for the entire industry.

At the same time, it offers clear decision-making support through an objective pro/con analysis, showing when antioxidants are truly indispensable and when they can be avoided without performance loss.

Content & Structure

Section	Content
Executive Summary	One-pager for decision-makers.
Introduction	Relevance of the topic, industry challenges.
Methodology	Literature research (Citavi database FGF + online research), practical reports.
Pro/Con Analysis	Scientific findings + concrete application examples.
Case Studies	Practical experiences (anonymized, if desired).
Conclusion & Outlook	Summary, open questions, research needs.

Added Value for Participants

- ✓ **Cost Efficiency:** Joint financing (from €1,200/company with 25 participants).
- ✓ **Industry Network:** Exchange with other manufacturers and users via the FGF platform.
- ✓ **Sustainability:** Contribution to the circular economy and positioning as a pioneer.

Framework Conditions

Parameter	Details
Costs	€30,000 (net) total - graduated according to the number of participants.
Financing	Individual invoices via FGF.
Timeline	15.06.2026: Binding letter of intent. June 2026: Project start. September 2026: Provision of the review (PDF).
Confidentiality	Results initially only for participants; public release only after permission (recommended).
Participation	Optional inclusion of practical examples or interviews from your company.

Cost Graduation

Number of Participants	Cost per Company
10	€3.000 (net)
15	€2.000 (net)
25	€1.200 (net)

To participate, please send the signed letter of intent by **15.06.2026** to hauke@fg-feuerfest.de.

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