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The IAPC in its 83<sup>rd</sup> meeting held on 15.04.2020 vide **Item No. 83.2.3(i)** considered and accepted the proposal to introduce a PEC MTN-548: Diffusion in Solids w.e.f. Autumn Semester 2020-21. The approved syllabus is attached as **Appendix-A**.



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**NAME OF DEPTT./CENTRE:** Department of Metallurgical and Materials Engineering

**1. Subject Code:** MTN-548                      **Course Title:** Diffusion in Solids

**2. Contact Hours:**            **L:** 3                      **T:** 1                      **P:** 0

**3. Examination Duration (Hrs.):**            **Theory:** 3                      **Practical:** 0

**4 Relative Weightage:** **CWS:** 20-35    **PRS:** 0    **MTE:** 20-30    **ETE:** 40-50    **PRE:** 0

**5. Credits:** 4                      **6. Semester:** Both                      **7. Subject Area:** PEC

**8. Pre-requisite:** Nil

**9. Objective:** To develop an understanding of- the driving force for diffusion based on thermodynamics, and the different kinds of diffusion process encountered in the various conditions

### 10. Details of the Course:

| Sl. No. | Contents  | Contact Hours |
|---------|---|---------------|
| 1       | <b>Review of thermodynamics and defects in solids:</b> Concept of free energy, enthalpy and entropy, Gibb's free energy change with temperature in a single component system, Thermodynamic parameters in a binary system, Thermodynamics and phase diagrams, Defects in the ordered phases, Point defects: Equilibrium vacancy concentration in a pure element, Equilibrium concentration of interstitial atoms, Calculation of thermodynamic parameters.  | 7             |
| 2       | <b>Diffusion under chemical potential gradient:</b> Concept of the chemical potential and the activity of elements, Diffusion under the thermodynamic driving forces, Few examples of coupled diffusion in the presence of non-thermodynamic driving force, Product phase formations because of diffusion in real systems, Diffusion process as a tool to make products.  | 6             |
| 3       | <b>Fick's laws and its applications:</b> Fick's laws of diffusion and thin film solution, Solution in semi-infinite diffusion couples (error function analysis); A few practical applications such as Homogenization, Carburization and decarburization; Definition and description of different diffusion terms.   | 6             |
| 4       | <b>Determination of different kinds of diffusion parameters:</b> Matano-Boltzmann analysis, Calculation of diffusion parameters using the Matano-Boltzmann analysis in ideal case, Problem of finding the initial contact plane in non-ideal case, Effect of molar volume in a hypothetical diffusion couple. The inter diffusion coefficients in solid-solutions: Den Broeder and Wagner's approach, Integrated inter diffusion coefficient in line compounds, Calculation of the integrated diffusion coefficients. | 8             |
| 5       | <b>The Kirkendall effect and beyond:</b> The Kirkendall effect, The intrinsic diffusion coefficients: Darken analysis and the van Loo relation, Tracer diffusion coefficient and the vacancy wind effect, Recent developments on the Kirkendall effect, Physico-chemical approach, Grain boundary diffusion.  | 8             |

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| 6 | <b>Atomic mechanism of diffusion:</b> Interstitial diffusion, Concept of random walk, Substitutional diffusion, Activation energy for diffusion, Orientation dependence, Diffusion in the ordered phases. | 7 |
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### 11. Suggested Books:

| Sl. No. | Authors/Name of Books/ Publisher  | Year of Publications / Reprint |
|---------|---|--------------------------------|
| 1       | David A. Porter, Kenneth E. Easterling, and Mohamed Y. Sherif, Phase Transformations in Metals and Alloys, 3 <sup>rd</sup> Edition, CRC Press   | 2009                           |
| 2       | Paul Shewmon, Diffusion in Solids, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Edition, Springer International Publishing   | 2016                           |
| 3       | Aloke Paul, Chapter 3-Estimation of Diffusion Coefficients in Binary and Pseudo-Binary Bulk Diffusion Couples, <i>Pages 79-201 in</i> A. Paul, S. Divinsky (Eds.), Handbook of Solid State Diffusion, Vol. 1, Diffusion Fundamentals and Techniques, Elsevier | 2017                           |
| 4       | Aloke Paul, Tomi Laurila, Vesa Vuorinen, and Sergiy V. Divinski, Thermodynamics, Diffusion and the Kirkendall Effect in Solids, Springer International Publishing   | 2014                           |