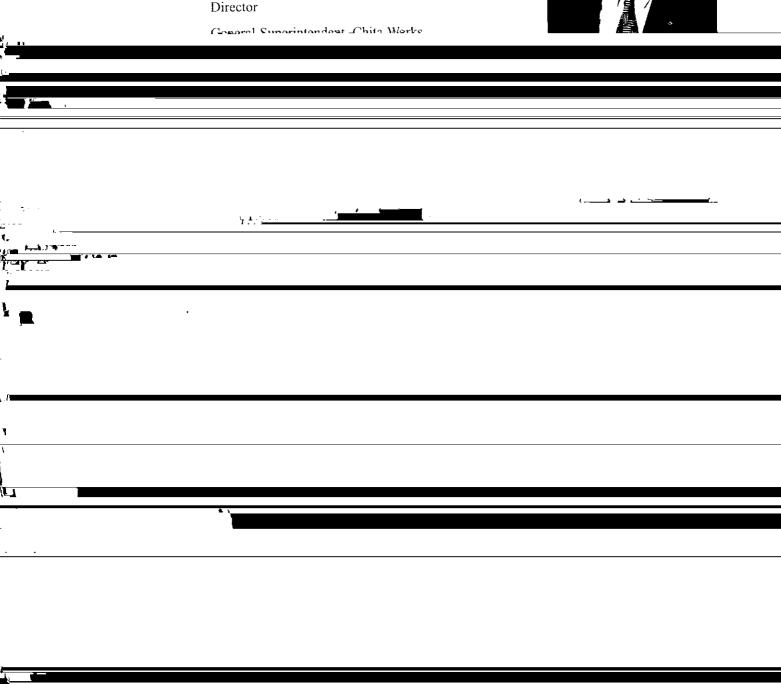
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FOREWORD

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devoted to the subject, following previous special issues in 1981 and 1990. The period which saw the publication of the first special issue was characterized by a succession of large-scale expansions in pipemaking facilities of all kinds against the background of the so-called scamless pipe boom. When the second special issue was published, total demand for steel pipe was beginning a gradual recovery from the sollenge that followed the scamless boom. However, the growing number of suppliers especially and the scamless boom.

