



Figure 5. SEM micrograph of the wear track on the CoNiCrAlY coatings; (a) APS- CoNiCrAlY coatings, (b) HVOF- CoNiCrAlY coatings, (c) CGDS- CoNiCrAlY coatings

4. Conclusions

This study has investigated the wear performance and microstructural characterization of CoNiCrAlY bond coatings that were produced by APS, HVOF and CGDS, respectively.

The major results are summarized as follows:

- 1) Specimen produced with CGDS method show the highest surface hardness among the specimen and specimen produced with HVOF and APS method follow it respectively.
- 2) The highest roughness value is seen at the coating specimen produced with CGDS method and coating specimens produced with HVOF and APS methods follow it respectively. When the wear performances of coating systems during the early states are evaluated, CGDS coatings are seen to have lower performance than coatings produced with HVOF and APS methods. This situation is the result of surface roughness effect's being the operative mechanism in the erosion's starting period. Because of the loss of surface roughness effect depending on erosion, dense structure and high hardness of coating layer, CGDS coatings show the best performance in abrasion performances in progressive processes of wear (last state and later on).
- 3) The lowest volume loss is seen in coating specimen produced with CGDS method among the specimens and specimen that are abraded with HVOF and APS follow it respectively.

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