



## Tangshan Steel Developed Q470B 40U Braced Steel for Mining



Recently, Hebei based Tangshan Steel delivered 461 tonnes of Q470B 40U braced steel for mining to its customer with all the product performances meeting the requirement of customer. It is said, the product was tailored by Tangshan Steel for the customer. Now, both parties have established long-term cooperation relationship of supplying over 2000 tonnes of the product each year. The Q470B 40U braced steel bears the advantage of high strength, which has been widely used as tunnel support. It owns broad market prospects and is able to create a value of more than CNY 400 per tonne.

## Benteler Steel and Tube on Track to Start Production on August

Benteler Steel and Tube is on track to stay with its intended production startup date of August 1st 2015. Mr Tim Erway chief operating officer of Benteler Steel said, "Keeping the construction pace on time and within its more than USD 1 billion budget is an accomplishment while also being a testament to the Benteler team and suppliers. These major mill projects can be difficult to keep on target. But we expect to start production later this year on schedule."

He said, so far, 250 employees are on the payroll with a ramp up of up to 550 planned over the next year and a half as production gets underway. A second phase of the project to build a melt shop and continuous casting component will add another 200 to 250 workers. No timeline was given for when that will kick off.

The jobs are good paying that can provide for families. A heavy emphasis is on hiring locally. Mr Erway said, the 135 year old family owned, German company chose The Port of Caddo Bossier as its first venture into the US over 100 other locations scattered among 13 states. The port was a major



consideration with its infrastructure, rail, potential for barging and nearby highway systems. But that wasn't all. Benteler's product solid steel seamless tubes are needed in the oil and gas country tubular goods market.

He said, so whether it's supplying tubes to major oil exploration facilities in Houston, the off-shore Gulf Coast market or the local and statewide shale oil and gas operations, positioning of the plant was strategic to fit the proximity to the customer base.

## Dearborn Steel Plant to pay USD 1.35 M Fine to Settle Alleged Violations



AK Steel will pay USD 1.35 million to settle alleged air pollution violations at a Dearborn plant previously owned by the American subsidiary of Russia based Severstal. The Justice Department announced the agreement among the steelmaker, the federal government and the State of Michigan saying it settles 42 violations alleged by the state Department of Environmental Quality and two notices issued

by the US Environmental Protection Agency against Severstal North America. AK Steel, based in Ohio, announced last summer its intention to purchase Severstal's Dearborn coke-making facility and other assets for USD 700 million.

Following the sale, completed in September of last year, AK Steel took responsibility for past violations. Settlement of this enforcement action is part of AK Steel's commitment to operate in an environmentally responsible manner, which, relative to the Dearborn plant, includes the resolution of issues related to operation of the plant by the previous owner. AK Steel intends to be a good corporate citizen and good neighbor in Dearborn. The settlement, which

was contained in a consent decree filed in US District Court in Detroit, also calls for the steelmaker to implement procedures to reduce potential future violations and install air filtration systems at the Salina Elementary and Salina Intermediate schools near the plant. Ms Susan Hedman EPA Regional Administrator said, "People living in Dearborn and southwest Detroit have long been concerned about air pollution from this steel mill. The consent decree will result in improved air quality in these communities and help prevent future violations of the Clean Air Act." Mr Dan Wyant director of Michigan DEQ said, "This is welcome news for residents who live near the steel mill. We are pleased to finally have the past environmental violations addressed and resolved and we look forward to a strong working relationship with new plant owners AK Steel."

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