



CMI Supplies Two Steel Processing Lines to Severstal



Russian steelmaker PAO Severstal awarded CMI Industry Metals the design and supply of a hot-dip galvanizing line (HDGL) and a color coating line (CCL) for its Cherepovets steel mill. These high-capacity lines will produce 400,000 tpy and 200,000 tpy and reach process speeds of 180 m/min and 120 m/min respectively. They will be commissioned by April 2017.

These two lines combine a high level of operating efficiency and eco-friendliness. They feature the full spectrum of CMI's

process technologies multi-stage cleaning sections and ultra-low emission furnaces.

The HDGL additionally features the CMI patented jet cooling system with energy recovery, Air-Knife and APC Blowstab low vibration cooling system, as well as an inline skin pass mill and tension

leveler, chemical roll-coat post treatment, and rotary exit shear. Other essential components of the CCL are its four coaters a chemcoater, a prime coater, and two finish coaters, as well as the latest generation of strip loopers guaranteeing smooth strip travel. This is the fourth galvanizing line that the Severstal Group entrusts to CMI Industry Metals in the past 10 years. This project further strengthens CMI's leading position for

the complete supply of high-performance processing lines.

Japanese Stainless Steel Production Rises During July 2015



According to the latest statistics released by the Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry (METI), the Japanese stainless steel production increased during the month of July this year.

As per data, Japan's total stainless steel production during the month of July was 231,194 tons. This is slightly higher by 2.9% when compared with the output during the previous month. The country's stainless steel production during June this year had totaled 224,632 tons. However, the stainless steel production during July this year was down by 3.2% when compared with the production during the same month a year ago. The Japanese stainless steel production had totaled 258,672 tons during July last year.

Out of the 231,194 tons, chrome-type stainless steel output totaled 112,003 tons, over 48% of the total output. The monthly output of chromium-based stainless steel products surged higher by nearly 9% in comparison with the output of 103,170 tons a month ago. The production of Cr-type and Cr-Mo-type hot rolled stainless by the country totaled 94,203 tons and 17,800 tons respectively.

Nickel-based stainless steel output constituted the balance 119,191 tons, accounting for nearly 52% of the total stainless steel output. The monthly output of nickel-based stainless steel dropped slightly in comparison with the output of 121,462 tons a month before.

The country's stock of stainless steel reached 107,094 tons during July. The stock held by steel producers has increased by nearly 7% when compared with the inventory levels during the previous month. However, inventory levels during the month were down significantly from 120,118 tons in July 2014.

UK Steel Industry Needs 'Life-Saving Surgery' - Trade Body



Steel is expected to announce 1,200 job cuts in the UK, the country's top steel trade body has said the industry is in "crisis" and needs "life-saving surgery".

Director of UK Steel Gareth Stace has urged on Business Secretary Sajid Javid to honour promises he has made to address some of the challenges facing the industry. The call comes as the Indian steel giant is expected to announce 1,200 job cuts at sites in Scunthorpe and Lanarkshire. Mr Javid said, "There is no straightforward solution to the complex global challenges" facing the

industry. "Sajid Javid needs to deliver now, in days and weeks not months and years, on energy costs, business rates costs and fair trade," Mr Stace was quoted as saying. "What I would say is that we need to stem this flow of blood, not with sticking plasters but now with life-saving surgery. The steel industry really is now in crisis," he said.

Meanwhile, NRI industrialist Lord Swraj Paul has also expressed his sadness over reports of the UK's struggling steel industry. "It has been a really sad day. The steel industry is really under pressure and no solution seems to be in sight," said the chairman of the Caparo Group, which has interests in the steel industry.

Tata Steel is expected to significantly reduce the workforce at its Scunthorpe site, which employs 4,000 people and is one of the UK's largest steel plants. Tata Steel has not yet confirmed the job cuts but said it has been facing challenges in the UK, including a surge in steel imports and the strong pound.