

Iran Railway signs contract with Siemens



Iranian Railway Company has signed contract with Siemens of Germany to acquire some 3,000 wagons by the end of March, said Babak Ahmadi Naqedi, senior official with Islamic Republic of Iran Railways.

The company decided to put out of service all the wagons built more than 55 years ago, Ahmadi Naqedi was quoted as saying in an Irna report.

He said that according to a new approval,

the Islamic Republic of Iran Railways has plans to put out of service the wagons with the age of 45 years this year.

Noting that Tehran-Mashad trains will be electricity-powered and the plan is passing its final stages, he said that some 70 electricity-powered locomotives have been allocated to the project.

He said that modernization of the railway is one of the four main priorities of the country.

El Marakby to ramp up longs production



Egypt's long steel producer El Marakby for Steel (El Marakby) has officially announced its plans to ramp up longs production capacity by the end of next year. Recently, El Marakby has set a launch date for the second rolling mill (250,000 tpy). The new line start-up is scheduled for Q1 2018.

As of today, the company is finishing feasibility studies of the project and is going to sign the contract for the equipment by the beginning of 2017, a company representative said in a report.

It is notable that this year El Marakby has successfully launched its own steelmaking facility (350,000 tpy). Besides, the company operates a rolling mill with a capacity of 240,000 tpy. Thus, with ramping up rolling capacity to more than 500,000 t in 2018, the producer plans to use the whole tonnage from the EAF for finished steel production.

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Yazd Rolling Mill to expand Iron Ore processing



Iranian longs steel producer Yazd Rolling Mill is expanding iron ore processing, considering the country's rising demand for high-quality raw materials.

Established in 1980 in Yazd Province, Yazd Rolling Mill plans to ramp up iron ore concentrate production because of the expansion of the beneficiation plant's capacity from 500,000 to 1 million tons per year, according to a report.

In addition, the company is building one more 1 million-ton-per-year plant in another province.

Once the investment programme is completed, the mill's iron ore processing capacity will be nearly 2 million tons per year. Production at the new facilities is scheduled to start in May-June 2017.

By the end of the current Iranian year (March 20, 2017), the company plans to

expand pellet production to 1 million tons per year. To this end, the mill is upgrading a pelletizing plant (400,000 tons per year) purchased in the autumn of 2015.

"According to our expectations, we will be able to commission the equipment in 2 to 3 months, while for the start of commercial pellet production, we will need 4 5 months," a company representative said.

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