

# LONG ROLLING PLANT MODERNIZATION

ARCELORMITTAL POLAND (SOSNOWIEC) 2 - STRAND WIRE ROD MILL

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## Pre-Modernization Mill Attributes 2 Strand Wire Rod Mill



Yearly production	• 750,000
Billet size	• 162 mm x 162 mm x 12 m 2,389 – 2,500 kg
Materials	<ul> <li>Mesh, Low Carbon, Welding Grades</li> </ul>
	High Carbon
Furnace capacity	• 160 T/h
Finished products	• 5.5 – 21.0 mm
Production rate	Breakdown: 200 T/h
	Continuous: 60 T/h (per strand)
Max. rolling speed	• 90 m/s
Coil Dimensions	• 1,250 O.D. x 900 I.D.
	Data – 2016 - Pre-Modernization

## **Pre-Modernization Mill Attributes** 2 Strand Wire Rod Mill

#### Mill Layout







#### Scope – Product Quality

- Guiding equipment for finishing blocks
- 4 new water boxes (traversing type)
- 2 new laying heads (new type)
- 12 new fans for air cooling conveyors
- Air distribution system for 28 fans
- Automation control system for water boxes and fans (water and air cooling)
- 2 new ring distributors for coils forming chambers

#### **KPI's - Product Quality**

- Surface quality improvement max. depth of surface defects = 0,1mm
- Structure improvement grain size = 7-9
- Improvement of Mechanical Properties TS = +/-20MPa for a ring, +/- 25MPa for a coil
- Coil shape improvement



#### Scope – Sustainability

- 7 new AC motors for roughing mill stands with drives, cabling and transformers
- 2 new AC motors for mini blocks with drives, cabling and transformers
- 4 new AC motors for finishing blocks with drives, cabling and transformers
- Automation control system for exchanged equipment (drives of rolling stands and blocks, water boxes and cooling fans)

#### **KPI's - Sustainability**

- Mill operational reliability improvement 96,6%
- Functionality Improvement Mill setup & control
- Tension control improvement Cobble reduction

#### **Basis of Modernization** PRIMETALS PO Phase 2 Shutdown Received AMP Modernization Scope & KPI's 2018 2017 2019 2020 2021 Phase 2 – Product Quality Enhancements FAC Signed Intermediate No-Twist® Mill Cooling conveyor Coil Laying Water boxes Mini block WBF stands 8-13 4 Pre-(Stelmor) heads forming 10 stands Roughing Roller Roughing Descaler stands Table No-Twist® Mill Intermediate 1-7 stands Coil Cooling conveyor Mini block . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . Laying Water boxes stands 8-13 forming 10 stands (Stelmor) heads

## Scope – Product Quality

- Guiding equipment for intermediate mill stands
- 4 new independent H-V at the beginning of intermediate mill
- 8 independent eDrive Pre-Finishing mill stands at the end of intermediate mill
- Sidelooper tables before intermediate mill stands
- Implementation of new roll pass design

#### **KPI's - Product Quality**

- Surface quality improvement max. depth of surface defects < 0,1mm</li>
- Diameter tolerance improvement:
  - +/-0,15mm for diam. range Ø5,5-10,0mm
  - +/-0,20mm for diam. range Ø10,5-15,5mm
  - +/-0,30mm for diam. range Ø16,0-21,0mm

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## Scope – Sustainability

- 12 new rolling stands
- 12 new AC motors for intermediate rolling stands with drives, cabling and transformers
- Automation control system for exchanged equipment (drives of intermediate rolling stands)

## **KPI's - Sustainability**

- Mill Reliability Improvement 96,6%
- Functionality Improvement Mill setup & control
- Tension control improvement Cobble reduction
- Finishing rolling speed increase to 100m/s for Ø5,5mm, production capacity increase up to 800kt/year



# PTUS – Sutton, MA, USA – CoC Long Rolling Core Equipment Engineering & Supply = Alignment with Customer KPI's

## Quality

- Process Know How what to change to improve
- Roll Pass Design modeling of process

## Sustainability

- Initial build quality of core equipment (eDrive PFM, Laying Head and Intelligent Pinch Roll)
  - Engineering design built in quality
  - Manufacturing state of the art manufacturing tools
  - Assembly & Testing ensuring quality product
- Aftermarket Support
  - PT PL providing spare parts support
  - PT UK providing preventative maintenance support and service

Entry Section: S8\_6.0\_CHQ Shape: Oval Grade: SAE 4140 Load Factor: 1.1100 Area [mm<sup>2</sup>]: 1305.37 Speed [m/s]: 1.7 Tonnage Rate [mt/hr]: 60.0 Median Temp [C]: 945







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## Phase 1 – Civil Construction & Installation 5 Week Mill Shutdown

## **Civil Construction – Highlights**

 New Laying Head and waterboxes civil construction. Due to process requirements, the laying head position was moved 12m downstream.





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New Mill Configurations



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## Phase 1 – Civil Construction & Installation 5 Week Mill Shutdown

#### **Civil Construction – Highlights**



eDrive

Foundation



## Phase 1 – Civil Construction & Installation 5 Week Mill Shutdown

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#### **Civil Construction – Highlights**

 The foundation for the new intermediate eDrive stands to be installed in Phase 2 required to be started in Phase 1 and a temporary floor was erected to allow construction to continue whilst the mill was operational.











## Phase 1 – Civil Construction & Installation 5 Week Mill Shutdown

### Installation – Highlights

- Stelmor fans in place with connectors
- Foundation preparation for new steel structure
- Roller deck nozzles and optimesh installation done offsite



- Traversing waterboxes
- Laying Head



• Hot Commissioning – 12 days Past Schedule





## Phase 2 – Civil Construction & Installation 4 Week Mill Shutdown

## **Civil Construction – Highlights**

 Since most of the foundation for the eDrives had been completed before phase 2 shutdown, the next critical area would be for the 330 PFM stands









**New Mill Configurations** 



## Phase 2 – Civil Construction & Installation 4 Week Mill Shutdown

#### **Installation – Highlights**

• 250 eDrive PFM



## • 330 PFM drive unit



#### 10 Std K-Mill



• Hot Commissioning – 6 hrs Past Schedule







## Mill Profile

Yearly production [t/y]	800,000 – (Future 950,000)
Starting size [mm]	Billet 160 x 160 x 12 m
Materials	Quality steel – Carbon Steel – Low, Med & High Low Alloy Steel – Free Cutting Steel – Spring Steel –
Furnace capacity [t/h]	160
Finished products [mm]	Wire Rod : 5.5 ÷ 21
Max rolling speed [m/s]	100 – (Future115)
Startup	Modernization November, 2019
FAC – KPI's • FAC tests – PASSED	
• Quality and Sustainability KPI's – ACHIEVED + EXCEEDED	



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## Partnership Takeaways

#### What Went Wrong

- Delayed preparation of interconnecting piping documentation which may cause a delay in start of shutdown.
- Phase 1 inadequate preparation causing delay.
- Delayed deliveries of equipment from Turkey (Stelmor and air blowers modifications) results in delays of modification works.
- Only one team of surveyors (common for civils and mechanical installation) results in delays in equipment alignment.
- Extended duration of modernization stoppage by 12 days as a result of lack of Contractor manning during night shifts and weekends.
- Limitation in production realization in 2020 & 2021 due to covid issues related to lack of staffing in specific months
- Problems with availability of charge material and lack of orders in 2022 impacted annual production realization

## What Went Well

- Detailed engineering documentation released in April 2018.
- Meeting with Primetals held on 7-10 May for clarification of basic engineering and civil works.
- Monthly maintenance stoppages of mill used to carry out preparation works for modernization stoppage.
- Positive opinion of AMDEC regarding PT workshops in India and China after visits.
- Completing of civil works on time despite the significantly extended scope of cut-outs of existing foundations. Very good performance of KBS Diament company.
- Completing of electrical works on time despite the extended scope of cable traces relocation. Very good performance of Elektrokontel company.
- Civil works for all areas finished according to the schedule.
- Phase 2 done according to the schedule.
- Two teams of surveyors were present and working together: 1<sup>st</sup> team for mechanical part, 2<sup>nd</sup> team for civil works part. Availability of surveyors 24 / h
- Interconnecting Piping designer from Primetals attend during erection.
- Achieved 800kt run rate of yearly production in Oct 2021, Feb & March 2023



## Lessons Learned – Applied to Phase 2

# AM Poland

- Involvement of external design company for documentation verification
- Required verification of new drawings with the actual state of the infrastructure of the modernized areas.
- Establishing of deadline for interconnecting piping documentation release, at least 3 months before the start of shutdown.
- Required agreement with contractor on required methods of new equipment installation, lubrication systems and water systems flushing, testing of new devices at the stage of works schedule preparation.
- Simulation workshop for installation and commissioning.
- Weekly monitoring of the production and delivery status of major equipment and components.
- Providing sufficient number of surveyors available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week during execution of installation works.
- Confirmation with contractor at least 3 months before start of shutdown, available Staff to execute individual installation tasks.
- Required daily monitoring of available Staff on each working shift with all subcontractors. Introducing of support companies by main contractor in case of problems with staffing.



- Customer relationship to be maintained with more frequent face to face meetings.
- · Meetings at site every 6 weeks up leading up to shutdown.
- Establish PM/Management presence through "On Site Activities".
- Detailed review of Shutdown schedule including customer civil scope.
- Equipment to be pre aligned/assembled as much as possible before shipping or on site before shutdown.
- Close coordination and planning with PT contractors prior to shutdown to do as much fluids/piping installation and commissioning before shutdown.
- Safety system needs to be carefully reviewed and plan in place for commissioning of equipment before safety system is installed and then commissioning of safety system.
- Train customer operation and maintenance staff on new equipment, operational layout and process well before start-up.
- Survey Monuments must be established before shutdown.
- Clear Definition of Civil Complete.
- Simulation workshop for installation and commissioning.



# THANK YOU

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