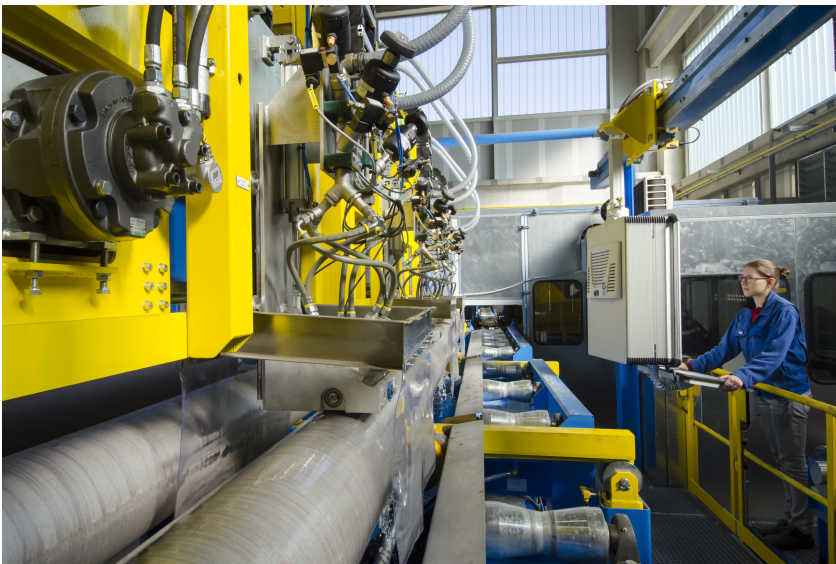


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Impol is further extending its semis capacity

Hertwich Engineering has successfully commissioned a Continuous Homogenizing and Sawing Plant for extrusion billets at Impol d.o.o., located in Slovenska Bistrica, Slovenia. As scheduled, the plant has been commissioned in spring 2016.



Helical Ultrasonic Testing Station at Impol d.o.o., Slovenia

Impol is a major European supplier of extruded and rolled products and forgings. Today, with 1,850 employees the Group achieves a yearly turnover of almost 500 million euros. Its annual production volume amounts to some 180,000 tonnes.

The contract for the new continuous homogenizing plant is part of an investment project with which the Group aims to boost its casthouse capacity by 15 percent. The

new plant supplements an existing Hertwich plant commissioned in the early 1990s. It has a capacity of 43,500 tonnes per year and is designed for billets up to 305 mm in diameter. The equipment supplied includes:

- a continuous homogenizing furnace with an associated cooling station,
- a downstream ultrasonic inspection station
- the saw for cutting off the head and butt ends and if necessary for cutting out defective sections, and
- the packing system, consisting of a billet stacker and automatic strapping. The new homogenizing unit is installed directly adjacent to the existing plant. In principle the two plants are operating independently of one another, but they are linked to each other by a conveyor.

Hertwich Engineering, a company of the SMS group is renowned for its future-oriented, energy saving technologies and outstanding service in aluminium casthouse. The company is active worldwide with design, supply, construction and commissioning of special machinery and equipment for the Aluminium industry. Hertwich is competent for supplying complete Al-casthouse on a turnkey basis (one-stop-shopping). The product range comprises melting equipment for aluminium scrap, conti and batch homogenizing plants, sawing plants, horizontal and vertical casting machines and quality inspection stations, etc. To stay ahead Hertwich relies on its own R&D and proprietary know-how. For 50 years, the advanced technology has revolutionized the industry and the company maintains its worldwide lead.