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Arab countries' crude steel production increased by 1.7% in April 2025.

According to the latest report issued by World Steel on crude steel production, Arab countries' crude steel production reached 3.4 million tons in April, a 1.7% increase compared to April 2024.

Egypt topped Arab steel production in April, with 831,000 tons, a decline of -7.2%. Saudi Arabia came in second place with 757,000 tons, a decline of -6.1%. Algeria came in third place with 460,000 tons, a 31.4% increase compared to April 2024.

In the period January-April 2025, Arab countries' crude steel production increased by 1.5% to 13.9 million tons.

Crude steel production in the Gulf area declined by -2.8% during the January-April period of this year, reaching 6.6 million tons, accounting for approximately 48% of steel production in the Arab region.

Meanwhile, North Africa's production increased by 6.5% to 6.2 million tons, accounting for 44% of Arab steel production, thanks to a significant increase in crude steel production in Algeria, which reached 27.6% during that period.

Production in the Eastern Mediterranean region remained stable at 1.1 million tons, representing 8% of Arab production.

Gulf region

Country	April -25 (000 tons)	% change April 24/25	Jan- Apr. 25 (000 tons)	% change 24/25
Saudi Arabia	757	-6.1%	3,140	-9.0%
UAE	242	-14.5%	1,194	-4.8%
Oman	255	2.0%	1,020	3.0%
Bahrain	105	11.8%	410	3.8%
Qatar	125	32.3%	494	22.8%
Kuwait	95	11.8%	378	11.8%
Total	1,579	-2.5%	6,636	-2.8%



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North Africa region

Country	April -25 (000 tons)	% change April 24/25	Jan- Apr. 25 (000 tons)	% change 24/25
Egypt	831	-7.2%	3,443	-4.0%
Alegria	460	31.4%	1,850	27.6%
Morocco	130	13.0%	490	4.3%
Libya	83	58.4%	363	38.3%
Tunisia	6	11.1%	22	2.3%
Total	1,431	6.4%	6,168	6.5%

Eastern Mediterranean Region

Country	April -25 (000 tons)	% change April 24/25	Jan- Apr. 25 (000 tons)	% change 24/25
Iraq	255	1.8%	1,005	1.5%
Jordan	25	0.0%	100	0.0%
Yemen	8	0.0%	36	2.9%
Total	288	1.8%	1,141	1.4%

Arab countries

	April -25 (000 tons)	% change April 24/25	Jan- Apr. 25 (000 tons)	% change 24/25
Total Arab countries	3,377	1.7%	13,945	1.5%



North Africa

Algerian Minister of Industry Receives Qatari Delegation to Discuss Strengthening Bilateral Cooperation in Iron and Steel

Minister of Industry, Saifi Ghrib, received a high-level Qatari delegation on Wednesday, headed by Khalid Al-Obaidli, Chairman of Qatar Steel International and the main shareholder in the Algerian-Qatari Steel project. The two sides discussed ways to strengthen bilateral cooperation, according to a ministry statement.

The meeting, attended by ministry officials, comes within the framework of implementing the directives of President Abdelmadjid Tebboune, aimed at implementing what was agreed upon with the Emir of Qatar, particularly in the fields of industry and mining, the same source added.

The meeting provided an opportunity to discuss prospects for strengthening the investment partnership between Algeria and Qatar through strategic projects such as the Algerian-Qatari Steel project, which is a successful model of Arab industrial cooperation, the statement said.

In this context, the two sides discussed investment opportunities in the mining sector, given its vital role in diversifying the national economy, emphasizing the importance of creating permanent jobs and enhancing local added value, according to the ministry.

At the conclusion of the meeting, both sides renewed their commitment to intensifying cooperation and activating joint projects, in line with the two countries' vision to build an integrated and sustainable economy.

Algerian Qatari Steel Obtains European Certification for Rebar from KIWA Netherlands

Continuing its pioneering path in the iron and steel industry, and affirming its ongoing commitment to the highest international quality standards, Algerian Qatari Steel Company (AQS) has obtained a certification for rebar in accordance with the technical requirements of the Kingdom of the Netherlands, issued by KIWA Netherlands. This accolade is the result of a series of rigorous tests and strict reviews that have proven the company's rebar products' compliance with the requirements of Technical Guide BRL 0501. This certification represents an important strategic step that allows us to officially market and export our B500B rebar to the Dutch market using the distinctive rib pattern certified by the AQS logo, enhancing the competitiveness of our products in European markets.

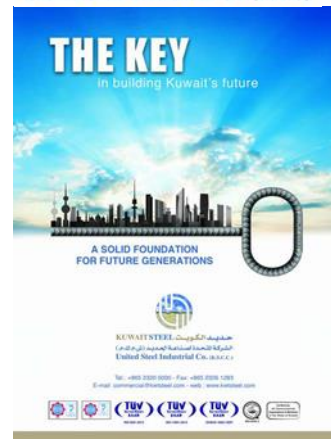
This certification reflects our strict commitment to the highest international quality standards. Our production and quality system is subject to periodic reviews by European accreditation bodies, ensuring product reliability and consistent technical characteristics.

Obtaining this certification was not a coincidence. Rather, it was the result of intensive efforts by teams in the technical and administrative departments, as well as a series of carefully considered steps to achieve the highest levels of compliance with European export requirements.

The Algerian-Qatari Steel Company affirms its ongoing commitment to implementing the highest European quality standards and developing its production capabilities, enhancing its international presence and reflecting the level of progress witnessed by the national iron and steel industry.



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Egypt : Prime Minister reviews the challenges facing the iron and steel industry and mechanisms for its development

Dr. Mostafa Madbouly, Prime Minister, held a meeting to review the challenges facing the iron and steel industry in Egypt and the mechanisms and steps to develop it. The meeting was attended by Lieutenant General Engineer Kamel El-Wazir, Deputy Prime Minister for Industrial Development and Minister of Industry and Transport; Dr. Sherif Farouk, Minister of Supply and Internal Trade; Mr. Hossam Heiba, CEO of the General Authority for Investment and Free Zones; and a number of ministry officials and chairmen of iron and steel companies.

At the beginning of the meeting, the Prime Minister indicated that today's meeting aims to discuss and review the challenges facing the iron and steel industry in Egypt and address several mechanisms and proposals that would contribute to supporting this important strategic industry, maximizing our capabilities and potential in this regard. This meeting will contribute to localizing and deepening the industries feeding the iron and steel industry to alleviate pressure on foreign exchange.

The Prime Minister emphasized Egypt's commitment to making it a regional hub for the iron and steel industry by enhancing competitiveness in many global markets and expanding into industries where the country possesses a comparative advantage and specialized production and technological capabilities.

Dr. Mostafa Madbouly highlighted the government's ongoing efforts to support the industrial sector and provide further incentives and facilitations to attract more investment to this promising sector, which the state relies on to achieve many economic and social goals. He noted that the iron and steel industry receives great attention from His Excellency President Abdel Fattah El-Sisi, given its importance and the contributions of its products to numerous development, service, and industrial sectors.

Counselor Mohamed El-Homsany, the official spokesperson for the Cabinet, stated that the meeting addressed a number of challenges and obstacles presented by the chairmen of the boards of directors of iron and steel companies and iron and steel manufacturers in Egypt. Several proposals and mechanisms were also reviewed that would contribute to boosting the growth rates of this industry and its feeder industries, achieving further desired economic and social goals.

The official spokesperson added: The meeting addressed efforts to meet the various needs of iron and steel manufacturers in terms of necessary materials and raw materials, in light of the integrated iron and steel industry system. This contributes to supporting the industrial value chain by enabling factories producing finished goods in the engineering and various industrial sectors to obtain their industrial requirements locally instead of importing them in hard currency, thus increasing export capacity.

Counselor Mohamed El-Homsany noted that the meeting also addressed the steps and measures taken to regularize the status of a number of violating factories, in accordance with applicable standards.



Rebar prices in Egypt, May 26, 2025

Rebar prices in Egypt this week ranged between EGP 33,700 – EGP 38,200. The prices were as follows: Ezz Steel EGP 38,200, Suez Steel EGP 38,100, Bishay Steel EGP 37,500, El Marakby Steel EGP 36,300, Egyptian Steel EGP 38,100, Ashry Steel EGP 35,500. Garhy Steel EGP 36,000, Misr Steel EGP 33,000, El Komy Steel EGP 32,500, El Ola Steel EGP 32,000 and Al Gioshy Steel EGP 32,500.

Rebar prices compared to last week's prices are as follows:

Company	EGP/t	Pointer	w-w
Ezz Steel	38,200	➔	0
Suez Steel	38,100	➔	0
Beshay Steel	37,500	➔	0
El Marakby Steel	37,000	➔	0
Egyptian Steel	38,100	➔	0
Ashry Steel	35,500	➔	0
Garhy Steel	36,000	➔	0
Misr Steel	33,000	➔	0
El komy Steel	32,500	➔	0
El Ola steel	32,000	➔ ➔	0
Al Gioshy steel	32,500	➔	0

Prices include 14% VAT

Egypt Prepares to Issue Licenses for Production of Key Raw Material in the Iron Industry

The Egyptian government intends to issue new licenses for the production of billets, a key raw material in the iron industry, as part of a plan to reduce reliance on imports and meet growing domestic demand.

Deputy Prime Minister for Industrial Development and Minister of Industry and Transport Kamel El-Wazir said, “The Egyptian government is about to issue a number of licenses for the production of billets with special technical specifications that meet the industry’s needs for weldable, earthquake-resistant iron, suitable for marine environments and salt water, as well as advanced technical and engineering uses,” according to a statement issued Friday.

Billets are a semi-finished mineral product used as a base in the iron industry, particularly in the manufacture of rebar, which is widely used in construction projects.

Billets are produced by smelting raw iron or scrap, then poured into molds and formed into metal bars. Their importance lies in their role as the raw material that feeds rolling mills into finished products, meaning any change in their availability or price directly impacts iron prices in the local market.



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Gulf Area

Emirates Steel Maintains Rebar Prices for June 2025

Emirates Steel, a subsidiary of the Amsteel Group, announced that rebar prices for June production will remain unchanged for the fifth consecutive month.

The company maintained the rebar price at AED 2,660 (\$724) per ton for shipments to Abu Dhabi. For shipments to Dubai, Sharjah, and the Northern Emirates, the price is AED 2,668 (\$726).

The above prices do not include a 5% value-added tax.

Emirates Steel is headquartered in Abu Dhabi and has an annual production capacity of 3.5 million tons of steel and 4.6 million tons of cement.

The group exports its products to more than 70 markets, representing 30% of its sales. The company offers a diverse range of steel products, including wire rods, rebar, heavy sections, and slabs.

1 US Dollar = 3.67 AED

EMSTEEL and TAQA Distribution partner to explore advanced utilities solutions

EMSTEEL Group, one of the region's leading publicly traded steel and building materials manufacturers, has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with TAQA Distribution, a subsidiary of Abu Dhabi National Energy Company (TAQA), during the World Utilities Congress 2025. The agreement aims to explore the deployment of integrated power and water solutions across Abu Dhabi's expanding industrial sector.

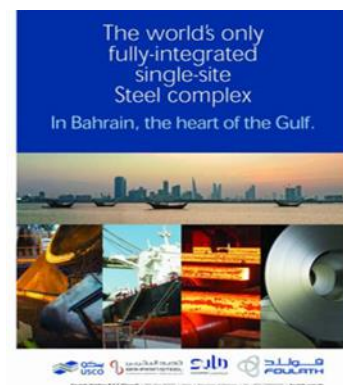
As part of the MoU, TAQA Distribution will explore customized, end-to-end power and water network management—including rapid integration with existing infrastructure, cost-efficient maintenance, and mobilization of ready-to-deploy technical teams. With a solid track record of low service interruptions, TAQA Distribution ensures reliable utility supply to customers operating in strategic sectors, supporting critical industrial continuity.

The MoU was signed by Omar Al Hashmi, CEO of TAQA Distribution, and Eng. Saeed Ghumran Al Remeithi, Group CEO of EMSTEEL, in the presence of senior officials and industry stakeholders.

Omar Al Hashmi said: "This partnership is yet another opportunity for us to support our partners in our core competencies of building up, operating and delivering scalable, high-reliability utilities infrastructure, by combining our proven operational excellence with EMSTEEL's industrial expertise, we're helping build the foundation for a more competitive, future-ready Abu Dhabi."

Eng. Saeed Ghumran Al Remeithi added: "This collaboration supports our ambition to boost industrial resilience and efficiency. TAQA Distribution's reliability and technical depth make them an ideal partner as we expand operations and enhance service capabilities."

The MoU will see both parties explore joint opportunities in electricity and water network build and design, operations, and maintenance, further reinforcing the goals of the Abu Dhabi Industrial Strategy, which aims to inject AED 10 billion into the sector, double manufacturing output to AED 172 billion by 2031, create over 13,000 skilled jobs, and significantly increase non-oil exports.



World

Steel prices in the first week of June 2025

According to the prices announced in the global steel markets, scrap prices amounted to \$343/ tonne, \$4 down compared to last week's prices. and iron ore prices \$97/ tonne, \$2 down compared to last week's prices.

While the prices of billets ranged between 430 – 455 Dollars per tonne, while it was between 420– 455 dollars per tonne last week, and rebar prices ranged between 505– 565 dollars/tonne, while it was between 505 – 575 dollars per tonne last week.

The following is the steel prices statement in the global markets on 01 June 2025:

Product	Place	Min	Max	Date	w-0-w
ScrapHMS 1&2(mi x 8020)	ex,USA,CFR Turkey	343	343	01/06/2025	↓ -4
Iron ore Fe 62%	CFR- Australia	97	97	01/06/2025	↓ -2
Billet	FOB Russia	430	435	01/06/2025	↑ 8
	Turkey FOB	450	455	01/06/2025	↑ 3
Rebar	FOB Turkey	550	565	01/06/2025	↓ -3
	FOB Ukraine	505	525	01/06/2025	⊖ 0
Wire Rod	FOB Turkey	560	570	01/06/2025	↓ -5
HR coil	FOB Russia	445	450	01/6/2025	⊖ 0
HR coil	FOB Russia	420	430	01/06/2025	↓ -5

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Trump says he plans to double steel tariffs to 50%

US President Donald Trump said on Friday he intends to increase tariffs on foreign steel imports from 25% to 50%, increasing pressure on global steel producers and threatening to expand his trade war.

“We’re going to increase it by 25%,” Trump said during a rally in Pennsylvania. “We’re going to increase the tariffs on steel imports into the United States from 25% to 50%, which will strengthen the U.S. steel industry.”



Global scrap consumption to decline to 460 million tons in 2024

Global scrap consumption decreased 1% in 2024 compared to 2023, to 460.6 million tons, according to data from the Bureau of International Recycling (BIR), which covers about 76% of global steel production.

This decline comes amid a slight decline in total global steel production of 0.7% year-on-year, to 1.55 billion tons, indicating a relative decline in the role of scrap in the steel production cycle in some countries.

The largest decline in scrap consumption was recorded in South Korea, down 14% year-on-year to 22.5 million tons, despite steel production there declining by only 4.8%. Scrap consumption also declined in the United States by 3% (55.3 million tons), Japan by 3.2% (30.8 million tons), and China by 1.9% (209.7 million tons), despite a limited decline in steel production.

In contrast, scrap consumption in the European Union increased by 1.9% to 76.6 million tons. India and Turkey also performed positively, with scrap consumption in Turkey increasing by 7.5% year-on-year to 31.3 million tons.

Turkey recorded the highest dependence on scrap in steel production among major countries, at 84.8%. For comparison, this figure was 69.2% in the United States, 59.2% in the European Union, and only 20.9% in China.

Turkey also strengthened its position as the world's largest scrap importer, importing 20.1 million tons of raw materials, a 6.7% increase compared to the previous year. The United States, the Netherlands, and the United Kingdom were the top suppliers.

On the other hand, the European Union maintained its position as the largest scrap exporter, despite an 11.4% decline in exports to 17 million tons. The United States came in second with exports of 14.4 million tons, a 9% decrease.

This slight decline in global scrap consumption, despite stable steel production, indicates a shift in the balance between primary and secondary raw materials. However, the significant growth in scrap consumption in Turkey, the European Union, and India reflects a growing trend toward decarbonization and the promotion of the circular economy in some regions.

Global scrap consumption declined by 12% in 2023 compared to 2022, to 411.28 million tons, while steel production rose by 0.2% to 1.55 billion tons. Scrap consumption declined in most major countries and regions in 2023, with the exception of the United States and India.



Iron ore prices fall on concerns about Chinese steel production cuts

Iron ore futures prices fell as markets assessed the possibility of a cut in steel production in China, which could weaken demand for the ore, a key component of the steel industry.

During Tuesday's trading on the Dalian Exchange in China, the most active iron ore contract for September delivery ended the session down 1.75% at 698.5 yuan (\$97.16) per ton.

On the Singapore Exchange, iron ore futures for June delivery fell more than 1% to \$96.05 per ton as of 11:13 a.m. Mecca time.

Tang Zuojun, vice chairman of the China Iron and Steel Association, said at an industry event in Singapore today that China is seeking to control the expansion of its steel sector to address the imbalance between supply and demand.

In a recent note, analysts at ANZ Bank noted renewed speculation about steel production cuts, rekindling concerns in the iron ore market. The analysts explained that several mills in Shandong Province have already begun reducing their production, according to Reuters.

Emissions in China's steel industry increased by 18.3% y/y in April

In April 2025, Chinese steelmakers that are members of the CISA industry association increased their total emissions by 18.3% compared to April 2024. This is evidenced by the association's data.

Despite the increase, emissions of sulfur dioxide, particulate matter and nitrogen oxides in exhaust gases decreased by 8.6%, 4.7% and 11.2% y/y, respectively.

The total energy consumption by the participating companies in April increased by 0.5% y/y. Total energy consumption (electricity, gas, coal, etc.) per tonne of steel increased by 0.3% y/y, while comparable energy consumption decreased by 0.2%. At the same time, electricity consumption per ton of steel increased by 2.5% y/y.

Total electricity consumption increased by 8.8% y/y. Own electricity generation increased by 16.1% y/y and its share in the total balance increased by 4.04 percentage points.

Clean energy production increased by 67.6% y/y, including wind energy by 447% and solar energy by 70.3%.

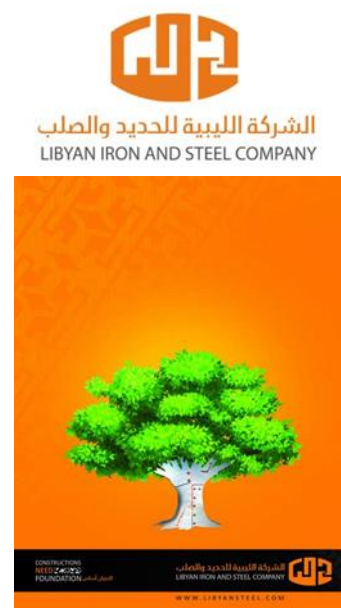
Water consumption by EBA member companies increased by 2.6% y/y. Water abstraction increased by 7.1% y/y, while water reuse decreased by 2.5%.

The water recycling rate fell by 0.07 percentage points to 98.38%. Water consumption per ton of steel increased by 4.6% y/y – to 2.39 cubic meters.

Wastewater emissions decreased by 9.7% y/y. Chemical oxygen demand (COD) in water decreased by 19% y/y, ammonia by 16.1%, and suspended solids by 23.2%.

The utilization rate of steelmaking slag, blast furnace slag and iron-containing dust remained above 98%. Combustible gas utilization, including blast furnace gas, BOF gas and coke oven gas, exceeded 98%. The share of coke oven gas increased by 0.54 percentage points.

In 2024, total emissions in China's steel industry increased by 4.1% compared to 2023. Increased liquidity of blast furnace capacity compared to electric arc facilities increased emissions in the industry despite a decline in annual steel production.



US rebar imports down 11.5% in March 2025

According to preliminary census data from the US Department of Commerce, US imports of rebar totaled 85,753 mt in February this year, up 85.9% month on month and down 11.5% year on year.

By value, rebar imports totaled \$52.3 million in March this year, compared to \$30.8 million in February and \$59.7 million in March last year.

The US imported the most rebar from Egypt in March with 27,750 mt.

Other top sources of imported rebar in March include Vietnam with 16,770 mt, Bulgaria with 16,118 mt, Mexico with 7,672 mt, and the Dominican Republic with 7,501 mt.

Trump Postpones Imposing 50% Tariffs on EU Until July 9

President Donald Trump said he has agreed to postpone the imposition of 50% tariffs on European Union imports until July 9, the latest in a series of announcements of imminent tariffs that have rattled markets and then subsequently backed down.

Trump explained that he had a “very nice” call with European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen, which led to the postponement.

“She said she wants to engage in serious negotiations,” Trump told reporters at Morristown Municipal Airport in New Jersey. “July 9th is the date, and that was the date she asked for. She asked if we could move it from June 1st to July 9th, and I agreed.”

Trump noted that von der Leyen said, “We’ll meet quickly and see if we can make a deal.”

Trump had stated last Friday that he was “not looking for a deal” with the European Union, and that the tariffs were set at 50 percent, which were supposed to take effect on June 1. This move followed his imposition of a 20 percent reciprocal tariff in April, which, like other similar tariffs, was also postponed.

Minutes after speaking to reporters, Trump wrote on Truth Social that “talks will start quickly.”

Earlier that day, von der Leyen wrote on X that the call with Trump was “good.”

She added in her post: “The EU and the US share the most important and closest trading relationship in the world. Europe is ready to move forward with negotiations quickly and decisively. To reach a good deal, we need time until July 9.”



Ukraine increased imports of long products by 81.1% in Jan.-Apr. 2025

In January-April 2025, the Ukrainian long products market showed a significant increase in imports, up 81.1% year-on-year – to 70.78 thousand tons. This is evidenced by GMK Center's calculations based on the State Customs Service data.

Angles, shaped and special profiles (HS 7216) accounted for the bulk of supplies, amounting to 31.11 thousand tons, up 57.8% y/y.

Turkey supplied 24.77 thousand tons of these products to the Ukrainian market, Poland – 3.98 thousand tons, Germany – 0.63 thousand tons.

Also, 14.25 thousand tons of other rods and bars of carbon steel, without further processing, twisted (HS 7214) were imported, up 91.3% y/y. Turkey imported 10.9 thousand tons of such products, Bulgaria – 2.41 thousand tons, China – 0.33 thousand tons.

Hot-rolled rods and bars made of carbon steel accounted for a small share of supplies, amounting to 11.51 thousand tons (0.59 thousand tons a year earlier). China supplied 11.45 thousand tons to Ukraine.

Thus, Turkey is the main supplier of long products to the Ukrainian market. Turkish deliveries of the relevant products to the Ukrainian market in 2024 are estimated at 108.87 thousand tons, which is more than 63% of total imports. In 2023, the trend was similar – 98.03 thousand tons, which corresponds to 63.9% of long products imports to Ukraine.

In April 2025, 21.09 thousand tons of long products were supplied to the Ukrainian market, up 58.5% compared to April 2024 and down 15.9% compared to the previous month. The consumption of key imported items during the month is as follows:

As GMK Center reported earlier, in 2024, Ukraine increased imports of long products by 12.1% compared to 2023, up to 171.9 thousand tons.



Technology

SMS Group Announces Integrated Testing of Habaş's Cold Rolling and Processing Complex

Habaş A.S., located near Izmir, Turkey, continues its stride towards modernization and expansion.

Following the project start of the pickling line/tandem cold mill (PLTCM) in October 2021, Habaş progressed with the next phase of their partnership with SMS group in April 2023 when the second part of the contract package came into force and marking another significant milestone in their longstanding collaboration.

A significant milestone has been reached in the ongoing collaboration between SMS group and Habaş A.S. The integration tests of the automation system for the key components of the project, including the continuous galvanizing lines 1 and 2, the skin pass mill, and the recoiling and inspection line, have just been completed.

These tests mark the next step forward for Habaş A.S. to enhance its steel production processes, following the successful integration testing of the pickling-line/tandem cold mill and the training of its personnel in 2023.

The project, which has progressed steadily over the past year, underscores the commitment to technical excellence and efficient project management shared by both entities.

With the new facilities, Habaş intends to expand its manufacturing capabilities in cold strip production considerably and strengthens its own market position.

The pickling-line/tandem cold mill (PLTCM) will already reach the installation phase by August 2025.

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EMSTEEL proceeds with carbon-reduction program with Danieli

Steelmaking operations will be even greener at EMSTEEL thanks to the installation of an e-PGH Pilot (electric Process-Gas Heater) serving the DRI plant #1 at Abu Dhabi works, UAE, a plant that uses the Energiron technology jointly developed by Tenova and Danieli.

The agreement for the supply of the industrial module follows the collaboration agreement set during the Fifth Danieli Innovation Meeting, in 2024.

EMsteel has been operating three low-emission minimills for quality long products –heavy sections, bars and wirerod– supplied by Danieli, and featuring Energiron DRI technology and Hytemp pneumatic charging for hot DRI up to 600 °C into the EAF.

The installation of the e-PGH Pilot will allow EMSTEEL to further reduce the carbon emission from the DRI plant, which is already performing carbon sequestration from gas combustion, and without the use of hydrogen.

The equipment will be based on the direct electric-heating solution developed jointly by Kanthal and Danieli, with the core element of Prothal® DH, which is compact, modular and efficient.

In 2024, Kanthal and Danieli started the collaboration on electrical direct heating technology in the range of hundreds of megawatts of electricity for a DRP. Once installed, this technology is expected to become a new pillar for the decarbonization of DRI plants and blast furnaces.

With the support of Khalifa University in the UAE, Danieli and EMSTEEL will develop various models covering DRI Core Process, process gas heater system, and system electrical model to predict the effects on the DRI process and the grid from the use of the new electrical heater, and with the variability of renewable power.





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