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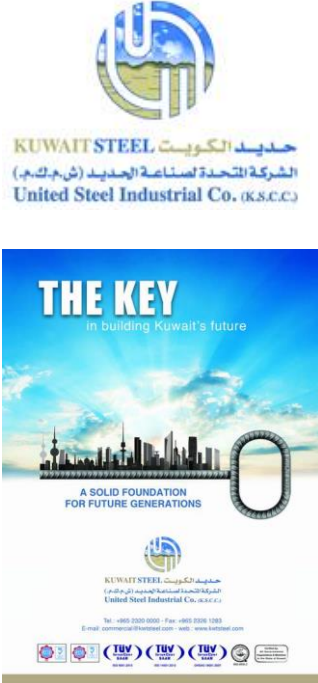
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AISU: Launch of the “Direct Reduction Technologies” Training Program in Cooperation with Ezz Steel

The first training program on *Direct Reduction Technologies (DRI)* has commenced as part of a series of specialized technical training programs organized by the Arab Iron and Steel Union (AISU) in cooperation with Ezz Steel. The program runs from October 19 to October 30, 2025, with the participation of several technical professionals from member companies of the Union.

This initiative is part of AISU’s strategic plan to enhance the technical and operational capabilities of personnel working in the Arab iron and steel industry. The training sessions are being held at Ezz Steel’s plants in Egypt and cover key strategic topics including direct reduction technologies, steelmaking plant concepts, long and flat rolling operations, as well as hydraulic and pneumatic applications in the steel industry.

This program represents the first batch in a series of specialized training initiatives jointly implemented by AISU and Ezz Steel, with additional advanced programs to follow. Through this initiative, the Union aims to improve the efficiency of technical and administrative personnel in Arab steel companies, promote collaboration and knowledge exchange among its members, and strengthen the competitiveness of the Arab steel industry at both regional and international levels.

Crude steel production in Arab countries increased by 7.5% in Jan. -Sep. 2025.

Crude steel production in Arab countries reached 3.9 million tons in September 2025, marking a 15.1% increase compared to September of the previous year. Meanwhile, total production from January to September reached 32.3 million tons, up 7.5% year-on-year, according to the latest data from the World Steel Association (World Steel). This reflects the continued recovery of the industry in the region and improved operating levels in several producing countries.

Gulf Area: Strong Growth

The Gulf region saw a 16.7% increase in crude steel production in September 2025, reaching 1.92 million tons.

Saudi Arabia led the region with 991 thousand tons, up 21.2%, benefiting from higher domestic demand and major infrastructure projects. The UAE recorded growth of 12% with 336 thousand tons. Qatar achieved a remarkable 75% increase, reaching 162 thousand tons, thanks to the return of some production lines to full capacity. Oman and Bahrain saw slight declines of 2% and 5%, respectively, while Kuwait’s production rose by 8.4%.

From January to September 2025, total Gulf production reached 15.96 million tons, up 9.7% from the same period last year, reinforcing the region’s position as the largest contributor to Arab steel production, accounting for nearly half of the total.



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Country	September 25 (000 tons)	Change – September 24/25	Jan. – Sept. 2025 (000 tons)	Change – 24/25
Saudi Arabia	991	21.2%	7,919	12.9%
UAE	336	12.0%	2,808	4.2%
Oman	250	-2.0%	2,260	-0.9%
Bahrain	95	-5.0%	898	-0.8%
Qatar	162	75.0%	1,265	41.3%
Kuwait	90	8.4%	811	5.9%
Total	1,923	16.7%	15,960	9.7%

North Africa: Balanced Performance

North Africa's production rose 16.4% in September to 1.69 million tons. Egypt ranked first in the region with 1.01 million tons (+16.2%), despite a 3.2% decline in cumulative production since the beginning of the year due to slower domestic demand. Algeria maintained strong performance with 450 thousand tons (+12.5%), raising its total production since January by 23%.

Libya recorded a notable increase of 70.8% for the month and 48.8% year-to-date, reflecting gradual production recovery.

Tunisia saw a decline of 14.3%, while Morocco's output rose 4.2%.

Total North African production for the first nine months reached 13.79 million tons, up 6.6% from last year.

Country	Sep.25 (000 tons)	Change – Sep. 24/25	Jan. – Sept. 2025 (000 tons)	Change – 24/25
Egypt	1,007	16.2%	7,694	-3.2%
Algeria	450	12.5%	4,060	23.0%
Morocco	125	4.2%	1,125	6.1%
Libya	105	70.8%	852	48.8%
Tunisia	6	-14.3%	58	7.4%
Total	1,693	16.4%	13,789	6.6%



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Eastern Mediterranean: Stable Production

The Eastern Mediterranean region maintained relatively stable crude steel output at 282 thousand tons in September 2025, a slight 0.7% decrease compared to the previous year.

Iraq maintained production at 250 thousand tons, and Jordan at 25 thousand tons. Yemen's output fell 22.2% to 7 thousand tons.

From January to September 2025, total regional production reached 2.56 million tons, a marginal 0.2% increase compared to the same period in 2024.

Country	Sep.25 (000 tons)	Change – Sep.er 24/25	Jan. – Sep. 2025 (000 tons)	Change – 24/25
Iraq	250	0.0%	2,265	0.4%
Jordon	25	0.0%	225	0.0%
Yemen	7	-22.2%	72	-7.7%
Total	282	-0.7%	2,562	0.2%

Total for Arab Countries

The overall performance of crude steel production in Arab countries during the first nine months of 2025 shows a continued upward trend, driven by increased domestic demand and production expansions in Saudi Arabia, Algeria, and Qatar.

Production in Arab countries is expected to continue growing in the final quarter of the year as new projects begin operations in some countries.

	Sep 25 (000 tons)	Change – Sep 24/25	Jan. – Sep2025 (000 tons)	Change – 24/25
Arab Countries	3,899	15.1%	32,311	7.5%



North Africa

Rebar Prices in Egypt – October 21, 2025

Rebar prices in the Egyptian local market remained relatively stable during the third week of October 2025 compared to the previous week, with minor movements recorded among some producers. Ezz Steel maintained its price at EGP 38,200 per ton, with no change from last week, while Suez Steel also remained stable at EGP 35,000 per ton.

Beshay Steel kept its previous level at EGP 37,000 per ton, with no adjustments, while El Marakby Steel declined by EGP 1,000, reaching EGP 35,000 per ton. Meanwhile, Egyptian Steel recorded EGP 38,100 per ton with no change. Both Ashry Steel and Garhy Steel remained stable at EGP 35,000 and EGP 36,000 per ton, respectively. Misr Steel stayed at EGP 34,700 per ton, and El Gioshy Steel at EGP 33,700 per ton, both unchanged from the previous week.

On the other hand, El Komy Steel increased its price to EGP 34,200 per ton, up by EGP 500, while El Ola Steel also rose by EGP 500, reaching EGP 33,500 per ton.


Rebar prices were as follows compared to the week before last:

Company	EGP/t	Pointer	w-w
Ezz Steel	38,200	-	0
Suez Steel	37,900	-	0
Beshay Steel	37,000	-	0
El Marakby Steel	35,000	▼	1000-
Egyptian Steel	38,100	-	0
Ashry Steel	35,000	-	0
Garhy Steel	36,000	-	0
Misr Steel	34,700	-	0
El komy Steel	34,200	▲	500
El Ola steel	33,500	▲	500
Al Gioshy steel	33,700	-	0


Decline in Egypt's Rebar Production and Sales in January–September 2025

According to data issued by the Ministry of Supply and Internal Trade on Egypt's steel industry, which the Arab Iron and Steel Union has obtained, there was a decline in rebar production and sales during the first nine months of 2025 compared to the same period in 2024, amid a decrease in average local prices.


Egypt's total rebar production reached about 3.86 million tons, down 7% from 4.16 million tons during the same period in 2024. Production declined in most months, particularly in March (-17%) and July (-18%), while September recorded a notable increase of 28% compared to the same month of the previous year. Regarding sales, the quantities sold fell slightly by 3%, reaching 2.97 million tons compared to 3.06 million tons in the previous year. Sales recorded a sharp drop of 36% in January, while rising significantly by 55% in September, reflecting an improvement in domestic demand during the third quarter of the year. Rebar prices in the Egyptian market also saw a noticeable decline during the January–September 2025 period, with the average price standing at EGP 37,651 per ton, compared to EGP 43,477 per ton in the previous year, a decrease of 13%. Prices reached their lowest level in July at EGP 32,150 per ton, before stabilizing in August and September.




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This decline is attributed to lower global steel prices and a slowdown in domestic demand during the first half of the year, along with exchange rate stability and easing inflationary pressures.

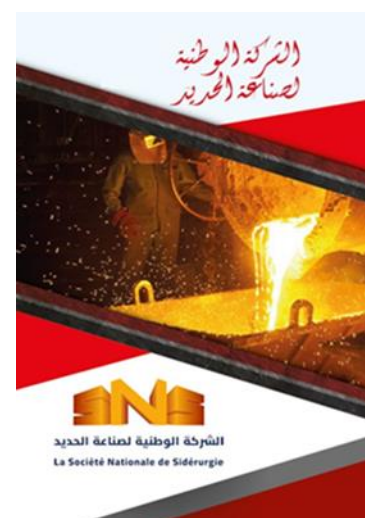
The Egyptian market is expected to continue its gradual recovery in the fourth quarter of 2025, supported by ongoing activity in the construction sector and major national projects.

Egypt's rebar production in January-September 2025

Month	2025	2024	change
January	672.9	802.8	-16%
February	701.6	668.7	5%
March	577.4	695.9	-17%
April	743.5	819.2	-9%
May	614.9	628.6	-2%
June	551.8	545.4	1%
July	751.2	918.8	-18%
August	651.4	688.6	-5%
September	821	640	28%
Total	3862.1	4160.6	-7%

Egypt's rebar sales in January-September 2025

Month	2025	2024	change
January	453.7	711.1	-36%
February	554	487.6	14%
March	423.9	351	21%
April	618.4	579.3	7%
May	524.8	481.1	9%
June	391.1	449.3	-13%
July	617.7	719	-14%
August	465.8	522.6	-11%
September	707.8	455.8	55%
Total	2965.9	3059.4	-3%



Rebar prices in Egypt in January–September 2025

Month	2025	2024	change
January	37,958	43,469	-13%
February	37,443	50,939	-26%
March	37,742	45,851	-18%
April	37,498	40,921	-8%
May	37,642	39,941	-6%
June	37,624	39,740	-5%
July	32150	40257	-20%
August	37201	40237	-8%
September	37146	40135	-7%
Total	37,651	43,477	-13%



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Gulf Area

Saudi Arabia: Hadeed Announces Steel Prices for November

The Saudi Iron and Steel Company (Hadeed) has announced its long steel prices for November 2025.

Prices for rebar (12–32 mm) increased by SAR 25 (USD 7) to reach SAR 2,080 (USD 555) per ton, while wire rod (6.5–16 mm) prices remained unchanged at SAR 2,245 (USD 599) per ton compared to the previous month.

The announced prices are based on the official exchange rate in Riyadh and exclude the 15% value-added tax (VAT).

Hadeed is the largest steel producer in the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC), with an annual production capacity of approximately 3.8 million tons of long products and 2.2 million tons of flat products. The company was acquired by the Public Investment Fund (PIF) in May 2024.

1 USD = 3.75 SAR.

Emirates Steel raises rebar prices for November 2025

Emirates Steel, a subsidiary of EMSTEEL Group, has announced an increase of AED 58 (approximately USD 16) per ton in its rebar prices for November 2025 production.

The new price stands at AED 2,648 (around USD 721) per ton, compared to AED 2,590 (USD 705) per ton in October, ex-works (EXW).

The company noted that the above prices do not include the 5% value-added tax (VAT).

Headquartered in Abu Dhabi, Emirates Steel 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 over 70 markets worldwide, accounting for about 30% of its total sales. The company offers a diverse range of steel products, including wire rods, rebar, heavy sections, and plates.

USD 1 = AED 3.67

Report on rebar prices in Saudi Arabia from Jan. to Sep. 2025

According to data released by the General Authority for Statistics in Saudi Arabia on rebar prices in the local market — a copy of which was obtained by the Arab Iron and Steel Union — the average rebar price remained relatively stable in the first nine months of 2025, recording SAR 2,892 per ton compared to SAR 2,896 per ton during the same period in 2024, a slight decrease of 0.2%.

Prices showed an upward trend during the first quarter of the year, reaching SAR 2,962 per ton in January, up 2.9% year-on-year, and continued to rise gradually until May, when the price stood at SAR 2,911 per ton.

However, prices started to decline from June by 0.5%, continuing their downward trend over the following months to reach their lowest level in September at SAR 2,782 per ton, down 4.8% compared to the same month in 2024.



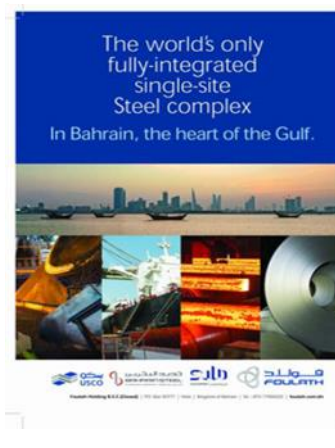
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Month	2025	2024	Change
January	2,962	2,878	2.9%
February	2,959	2,883	2.6%
March	2,946	2,886	2.1%
April	2,938	2,886	1.8%
May	2,911	2,885	0.9%
June	2,876	2,891	-0.5%
July	2,853	2,917	-2.2%
August	2,798	2,920	-4.2%
September	2,782	2,921	-4.8%
Average	2,892	2,896	-0.2%

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Steel prices in the Fourth week of October 2025

Global steel markets showed limited price fluctuations during the fourth week of October 2025, according to data obtained by the Arab Iron and Steel Union.

Prices of HS1&2 scrap (80:20 mix) imported by Turkey from the United States remained stable at \$352 per ton CFR, marking a slight decrease of \$1 compared with the previous week.

Meanwhile, iron ore (62% Fe) from Australia to China, CFR held steady at \$103 per ton, showing no week-on-week change.

In the billet market, prices recorded an increase, with Russian exports FOB ranging between \$435–440 per ton, up \$3, while Turkish imports from CIS countries (CFR) rose to \$455–460 per ton, up \$8 week-on-week.

As for rebar, prices remained unchanged at \$545–555 per ton FOB Turkey and \$490–510 per ton FOB CIS compared with the previous week.

Regarding wire rod, prices were stable at \$555–565 per ton FOB Turkey. However, hot-rolled coil (HRC) prices from Russia FOB declined to \$455–460 per ton, down \$8, while cold-rolled coil (CRC, 1 mm) from China FOB fell to \$525–535 per ton, decreasing by \$10 from the previous week.

The following is the steel prices statement in the global markets on 25 October 2025

Product	Place	Min	Max	Date	W-0-W	
ScrapHMS 1&2(mi x 8020)	ex,USA,CFR Turkey	352	352	25/10/2025	▲	3
Iron ore Fe 62%	CFR- Australia	103	103	25/10/2025	▼	-3
Billet	FOB Russia	435	440	25/10/2025	▲	4
	Turkey FOB	455	460	25/10/2025	▲	3
Rebar	FOB Turkey	545	555	25/10/2025	-	0
	FOB Ukraine	490	510	25/10/2025	-	0
Wire Rod	FOB Turkey	555	565	25/10/2025	-	0
HR coil	FOB Russia	455	460	25/10/2025	-	0
HR coil 1mm	FOB China	525	535	25/10/2025	-	0

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Global Crude Steel Production Declines by 1.6% in September 2025

World crude steel production for the 70 countries reporting to the World Steel Association (worldsteel) was 141.8 million tonnes (Mt) in September 2025, a 1.6% decrease compared to September 2024.

Africa produced 2.0 Mt in September 2025, up 8.2% on September 2024. Asia and Oceania produced 102.9 Mt, down 2.1%.

The EU (27) produced 10.1 Mt, down 4.5%. Europe, Other produced 3.6 Mt, up 1.4%.

The Middle East produced 4.6 Mt, up 9.3%. North America produced 8.8 Mt, up 1.8%. Russia & other CIS + Ukraine produced 6.2 Mt, down 5.3%. South America produced 3.5 Mt, down 2.7%.

Crude steel production by region

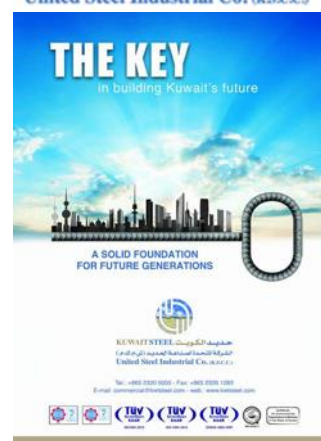
Area	Sep 2025 (Mt)	% change Sep 25/24	Jan-Sep 2025 (Mt)	% change Jan-Sep 25/24
Africa	2.0	8.2	17.3	4.2
Asia and Oceania	102.9	-2.1	1 016.5	-1.5
EU (27)	10.1	-4.5	94.6	-3.7
Europe, Other	3.6	1.4	31.7	-4.2
Middle East	4.6	9.3	40.7	2.0
North America	8.8	1.8	80.5	0.1
Russia & other CIS + Ukraine	6.2	-5.3	61.3	-5.1
South America	3.5	-2.7	31.1	-1.9
Total	141.8	-1.6	1 373.8	-1.6



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Top 10 steel-producing countries

Country	Sep 2025 (Mt)	% change Sep 25/24	Jan-Sep 2025 (Mt)	% change Jan-Sep 25/24
China	73.5	-4.6	746.3	-2.9
India	13.6	13.2	122.4	10.5
United States	6.9	6.7	61.4	2.1
Japan	6.4	-3.7	60.5	-4.5
Russia	5.2	-3.8	51.3	-4.7
South Korea	5.0	-2.4	46.1	-3.4
Türkiye	3.2	3.3	28.1	0.6
Germany	3.0	-0.6	25.4	-10.7
Brazil	2.8	-3.2	25.0	-1.7
Iran	2.3	6.0	22.1	-2.7

China's iron ore output down 3.8% in January-September 2025

In the January-September period this year, China's iron ore production amounted to 761.429 million metric tons, decreasing by 3.8% year on year, according to China's National Bureau of Statistics (NBS).

In September alone, China's iron ore production totaled 84.267 million metric tons, increasing by 0.6% year on year, while up 3.2% month on month

In September, import iron ore prices moved up first, fluctuating within a limited range later, while they edged down at the end of the given month.

The lowest level of \$101/mt during the given month was seen on September 1, while the highest level of \$107/mt was observed on September 9

Slight Decline in China's Rebar Production in the First Nine Months of 2025

Data from the National Bureau of Statistics of China showed that the country's rebar production totaled 143.387 million metric tons from January to September 2025, marking a slight year-on-year decrease of 0.1%.

During the same period, domestic wire rod production reached 102.111 million metric tons, up 1.7% year on year, while welded pipe production amounted to 44.935 million metric tons, representing a 3.2% increase compared to the previous year.

In September alone, China produced 14.75 million metric tons of rebar, 11.705 million metric tons of wire rod, and 5.494 million metric tons of welded pipes, down 2.9%, 0.3%, and 1.8% year on year, respectively.

During September, domestic rebar prices in China initially declined before slightly rebounding. Prices peaked at CNY 3,257 per ton (USD 459 per ton) on September 22, and hit their lowest level at CNY 3,197 per ton (USD 450 per ton) between September 12 and 14, according to SteelOrbis data.



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China's semi-finished steel exports rise 215.43% in January – September 2025

In September this year, China's semi-finished steel exports totaled 1.4936 million mt, down 15.34% month on month. While rising by 41.85% year on year, according to China's customs authorities.

In the January-September period this year, China's semi-finished steel exports amounted to 10.7297 million mt, up 215.43% year on year.

In the January-September period this year, China's semi-finished steel imports amounted to 606,300 mt, down 62.17% year on year

In September, the export price gap between Chinese billet and Black Sea billet narrowed, contributing to the diminishing competitiveness of China's billet exports

Canada Opens the Door to Tariff Exemptions to Support Its Struggling Economy

The Canadian government has announced tariff exemptions on several steel and aluminum products imported from the United States and China, as part of efforts to support local companies affected by trade tensions with both countries, according to Reuters.

Prime Minister Mark Carney is leading negotiations with U.S. President Donald Trump, who imposed tariffs on Canadian steel and aluminum exports, while his team met with Chinese officials last week in an attempt to secure exemptions from Chinese tariffs on Canadian agricultural goods.

Canada's economy is facing mounting pressure due to the impact of these tariffs on its exports to both the U.S. and China. The new government has lifted a number of retaliatory duties previously imposed on American imports in an effort to restore balance in trade relations.

According to a document issued by the Ministry of Finance on Friday, the Additional Duty Exemption Order of 2024 was amended to include certain types of steel and aluminum imported from China that are not produced domestically. The decision took effect on October 15, with further details to be released on November 5.

The exemptions also cover some American steel and aluminum products related to public health, national security, manufacturing, agriculture, and food packaging.

Finance Minister François-Philippe Champagne said on Monday that "the exemption process aims to protect Canadian workers and support domestic industries amid exceptional circumstances," adding that "the covered products are very specific and essential to maintaining supply chains, and will not significantly affect the amount of countervailing duties collected.



China's Crude Steel Output Falls by 2.9% in January–September 2025

China's production of pig iron, crude steel, and finished steel reached 66.05 million tons, 73.49 million tons, and 124.21 million tons, respectively, in September 2025, according to data from the National Bureau of Statistics of China (NBS).

Year-on-year, production declined by 2.4% for pig iron and 4.6% for crude steel, while finished steel output increased by 5.1%. On a month-on-month basis, production fell by 5.4%, 5.0%, and 1.2%, respectively.

Monthly crude steel output dropped below 80 million tons again in September, as it did in July and August, marking a 4.6% decline compared with August. The decrease was mainly due to weaker demand during the military parade in Beijing on September 3 and the National Day holiday (October 1–8).

From January to September 2025, China produced a total of 645.86 million tons of pig iron, 746.25 million tons of crude steel, and 1.10385 billion tons of finished steel — representing year-on-year changes of -1.1%, -2.9%, and +5.4%, respectively.

In October 2025, crude steel production showed a modest rebound. According to the China Iron and Steel Association (CISA), the average daily crude steel output of large and medium-sized steel enterprises — all CISA members — reached 2.032 million tons between October 1 and 10, up 7.5% compared with the last ten days of September.



ArcelorMittal Sestao contracts Danieli to upgrade dust removal system

As part of its new investment program “Sestao 1.6”, aimed at achieving carbon neutrality, increasing production capacity, and expanding its product portfolio, ArcelorMittal Sestao has selected Danieli to supply a new fume treatment plant and a vacuum degassing unit for its mill in Vizcaya, Basque Country, Spain.

The installation of the new fume treatment plant, serving the existing Electric Arc Furnace No. 1, will enable the mill to fully utilize the capacity of its two EAFs, raising total output to 1.6 million tons per year. The new FTP will filter the EAF fumes with dust emissions below 3 mg/Nm³ at the stack. The dust removal system features a refractory-free cooling tower, a patented modular “plug & play” filter from Danieli, and internal cooling fans equipped with variable frequency drives.

A new VD station equipped with mechanical dry vacuum pumps will allow the production of ultra-clean steel with precise chemical control and low nitrogen and hydrogen content, enabling AM Sestao to broaden its range of flat steel products.

Thanks to its compact and optimized design, the vacuum degassing unit will be installed as an extension of the existing meltshop bay, ensuring efficient ladle logistics and operations from any melting unit, while enhancing operational safety.

The VD station will include a Q-AFS automatic foamy slag control system mounted on the vacuum cover to optimize pumping time, and a Q-Degas process control system to ensure real-time process monitoring and consistent product quality.

The new electrical and process control systems from Danieli Automation will be fully integrated into the existing E&A control system of the meltshop.

The new equipment is scheduled to be commissioned in August 2026.

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