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Coating section of the electrical steel strip processing line at NLMK, commissioned and supplied by Tenova Strip Processing, Milan, Italy

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During the last few years, electrical steel producers have been striving to improve the electro-magnetic properties of their material, following the ever stricter regulations worldwide on energy saving and reduction of environmental emissions. Tenova group has recently participated in the upgrading programme of the NLMK group by supplying and commissioning the new insulation coating and thermoflattening line No. 6.

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# Continuous casting

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The Finnish steel giant installed an innovative laser measuring system to improve the production process for slabs. Warpage of the slabs after cooling can already be taken into account during the production process.

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50 The new 3-roll reducing & sizing block 435++ implemented in the bar mill at SMK, Japan

Another type of 3-roll reducing & sizing blocks (RSB) has been developed that is even stronger than the 370++ heavy duty RSB for bar sizes up to dia. 100 mm. The 435++ and the equivalent C-modules are designed to finish bar sizes up to dia 130 mm with SBQ accuracy.

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The world's first dia. 750 mm continuous casting machine is capable of producing a wide range of products typical of the ingot casting production route. Excellent bloom surface quality has been achieved, even for products with critical carbon contents of 0.15 to 0.20%. The whole product features low internal segregation.

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Minimized changing times, high flexibility, superior quality and challenging products – these were requirements Arvedi Tubi Acciaio had placed on the investment in a new 12¾" ERW tube welding line for large wall thicknesses. The article features the technical details and the first production results.

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# 80 Photovoltaics to be coil coated on steel strips for construction elements

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Quality data on hand even on mobile devices like the iPad

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