

voestalpine Steering Record Course with New Rail Rolling Mill

- **Production volumes exceed expectations.**
- **Demanding product mix with focus on special goods.**
- **One new rail section added to production programme each week.**

Around seven months after commencement of production and barely three months after the official opening, voestalpine confirms success of its new rail rolling mill in Leoben/Donawitz, Styria. “Both the production volumes, which have outstripped even our own high expectations, and the demanding product mix show that our new investment has been a full success,” says Hans Pfeiler, Speaker of the Managing Board of voestalpine Schienen GmbH. Over 210,000 metric tons of rails and 20,000 metric tons of special billets have already been produced in the new plant since the start of production at the end of January—a much higher volume than ever before in the same period of time.

The highest-quality product segment was responsible for the majority of the rails produced; ultra long rails with a length of 120 metres and head-hardened premium rail steel grades (HSH®) each accounted for a share of more than 50%.

“We have already re-introduced 39 rail sections to our very broad product range which includes around 100 different rail sections. This is an important factor in the company’s flexibility as a full scope supplier which is much appreciated by our customers,” said Pfeiler. At least one new section is re-introduced to the production programme each week. voestalpine will continue to increase production rapidly in order to meet the demand for its high-performance rails.

Extensive Investments in Rail Production

voestalpine Schienen GmbH’s new rail rolling mill involved an investment volume of around EUR 66 million and is currently the world’s most up-to-date centre for rail production. Over the past 15 years more than EUR 200 million have been invested in the expansion and modernisation of rail production at the voestalpine site in Leoben/Donawitz.

Information on voestalpine Schienen GmbH

voestalpine Schienen GmbH, a company of the listed voestalpine AG, is the leading producer of rails in Europe. voestalpine Schienen has achieved a global reputation for its market leadership in customer benefits on the basis of advanced technologies (including the largest available group of premium rail steel grades), the company's comprehensive system competence (for example with regard to life-cycle cost strategies), and its consistent service orientation.

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