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New order for Hertwich

Alcan Iceland orders billet homogenizing equipment

Aluminum producer Alcan Iceland has placed an order with Austrian Hertwich Engineering for the supply of billet homogenizing equipment. This order is part of Alcan Iceland's smelter expansion project, ISAL Production upgrade – IPU, in Straumsvik. Production capacity will total 230,000 tpy of billets in diameters ranging from 178 mm to 254 mm. This will strengthen Alcan Iceland's market position as supplier of high-quality billets in Northern Europe.

The order comprises three ultrasonic inspection stations, three electrically heated continuous homogenizing and cooling facilities as well as two packaging stations. Also the automation of the entire installation is part of Hertwich's supply.

The first installation stage is scheduled to be completed in 2012, the second one in 2014.

Hertwich is part of SMS Meer.

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