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Order for SMS Elotherm**Modernized strip galvanizing line at Wuppermann Staal
boosts productivity by 30 percent**

Wuppermann Staal Nederland B.V. in Moerdijk has placed an order with SMS Elotherm, Germany, for the modernization of the strip galvanizing line delivered in 2000. With an inductive booster heating system from SMS Elotherm, Wuppermann will be able to increase its productivity by 30 percent.

SMS Elotherm is to supply a complete 3,600-kW induction plant with two strip coils. In addition there are new components for the existing plant and the line controller will be integrated into the overall process. Erection and commissioning as well as training of the customer's personnel also form part of the order.

With the inductive booster heating at the tower entry, the ingoing temperature from the pickling line is raised by approx. 150 °C. The existing plant power is then used to increase the temperature to process temperature. The efficiency of the booster heating system will in future be higher than the values at present.

The inductive booster heating plant for strip galvanizing is designed for strip thicknesses from 0.8 mm to 4.0 mm and a strip width of up to 1,660 mm. Wuppermann has planned a 15-day standstill for installation and commissioning.

The start of production after the installation of the booster heating plant is scheduled for the beginning of 2012.

SMS Elotherm forms part of the SMS Meer Business Area.

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