

Trimet France commissions continuous caster

Following a test phase of several months, Trimet Aluminium in Essen has fully commissioned its vertical continuous caster at its Saint-Jean-de-Maurienne plant in France. With annual production capacity of up to 60,000 tonnes of rolling ingots, the caster adds to the range of products at the plant in the Savoy Alps. Some 145,000 tonnes of primary aluminium are produced there annually. In addition to rolling ingots, the roughly 500 workers in Saint-Jean-de-Maurienne and its sister plant in Castelsarrasin in south-western France mainly produce aluminium wire for the energy and automotive industries.

Trimet took over the plants at the end of 2013 and since then has systematically worked towards utilizing all their production capacities again. The re-commissioning of the continuous caster plant after more than five years marks an important milestone on the way to full exploitation of capacity at the plant. Recently, in autumn last year, electrolysis production was brought close to the limits of capacity again, with the re-commissioning of the production line "F".

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