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voestalpine Tasks Primetals Technologies with Automation Upgrade of Pickling and Tandem Cold Mill

- **Comprehensive modernization of pickling line and tandem cold mill (PLTCM) to enhance IT security and automation system availability**
- **All systems to be integrated into voestalpine's virtualization environment, streamlining operations and maintenance**
- **Startup planned for mid-2026**

Primetals Technologies is implementing a software upgrade across the entire Level 1 and Level 2 process control systems at voestalpine stahl's BETA 2 pickling line and tandem cold mill (PLTCM) in Linz, Austria. This upgrade will strengthen IT security, increase system availability, and ensure that the PLTCM meets the latest standards in automation. Commissioning is scheduled for mid-2026.

The project includes upgrading to the latest Siemens PCS7 version, integrating various third-party packages into a unified PCS7 project, and migrating the process automation system to new Windows and Oracle environments.

Enhanced Reliability and Availability

The BETA 2 line produces high-strength and ultra-high-strength steels for the automotive, household appliance, and construction industries, as well as electrical steel. The modernization will improve operational reliability and ensure long-term compatibility with the latest hardware and software.

To maximize system availability and streamline software maintenance, all automation engineering systems will be integrated into voestalpine's virtualization environment. This approach will streamline operations and maintenance for staff working across multiple lines.

A Strong, Ongoing Partnership

Primetals Technologies was selected for this project due to its proven track record with voestalpine, including a major upgrade of the BETA 3 cold rolling mill and a 2013 project involving new pickling tanks and a complete electrics and automation upgrade at BETA 2.

The two companies are also collaborating on several major iron- and steelmaking projects, such as the HYFOR and Smelter hydrogen-based industrial-scale demonstration plant and the implementation of a 180-ton EAF Ultimate electric arc furnace, all located in Linz.

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Primetals Technologies will upgrade voestalpine's BETA 2 pickling line and tandem cold mill (PLTCM).

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