1 + 4 HOT ROLLING MILL LINE
SOUTHWEST ALUMINIUM (SWA), CHONGQING, CHINA
THE CHALLENGE
As the demands for aluminium increase in terms of quality and quantity, so have the demands on the equipment that produce the aluminium. Today’s rolling mills are, therefore, expected to produce high quality stock without compromising production levels. At Southwest, the customer wanted to produce high quality can body and lid stock at widths of up to 1800mm. Utilising the Primetals Technologies portfolio of technologies, we provided a solution to meet these needs.

OUR SOLUTION
The Southwest Aluminium contract supplied, offered a state of the art aluminium hot rolling line with added features from our portfolio of products. The project was supplied to Southwest Aluminium in Chongqing as part of the companies continuous expansion program. Commissioned in 2005, the new hot aluminium rolling line included a vertical edger, single stand roughing mill, two crop shears, four-stand tandem finishing mill, mill exit equipment, coil handling equipment, hydraulic, lubrication and coolant systems. Primetals Technologies provided process support on the Southwest hot mill project which ensured the smoothest start up and quickest production build up, with the first slab being rolled ahead of schedule.

Bottom mounted double acting roll load cylinders on the roughing mill provide optimum positioning of the bottom work roll relative to the roller tables. This minimises refusals and turn down ends. Each roll load cylinder is fitted with a central internal position transducer for maximum protection and performance. The top work roll assemblies are supported by the top back up roll chocks. This highly-sophisticated design improves the backup roll balancing system and helps prevent roll skidding. Independent direct drive to the work rolls eliminates the requirement for gearboxes and allows differential speeds of top and bottom work roll, e.g. to prevent turn down of the slabs. The side shifting work roll change system enables roll withdrawal directly into the roll grinding shop.

PRODUCT DATA
- Feed stock: Aluminium & aluminium alloys inc can stock
- Slab width: 800mm – 1800mm
- Slab thickness: 520mm – 610mm
- Slab lengths: 5m – 7.2m
- Finished roll thickness: 2mm – 8mm
- Maximum coil weight: 20,300 Kgs

HOT ALUMINIUM ROLLING MILL TECHNOLOGY

ACHIEVED RESULTS
- Installation Started 6th July 2004
- First slab rolled 11th April 2005 – ahead of schedule
- First Coil rolled 1st May 2005
- Final acceptance achieved 7th December 2005
- Product quality performance
  Market leading tolerances achieved for thickness, profile and temperature

EQUIPPED DATA
- Hot rolling mill roughing mill stand
  - Work rolls: 930mm x 2100mm
  - Back up rolls: 1500mm x 2000mm
  - Maximum roll load: 35,000 kN
  - Speed: 0/120/240 m/min
  - Mill drive power: 2 x 3750 kW (AC)
- Vertical edger
  - Blade diameter: 610mm
  - Mandrel diameter: 610mm
- 4 stand tandem mill
  - Roll Bend: +/-1,530 kN/side
  - Maximum tension: 25 tonnes
- Edge trimmer
  - Roll Bend: +/-1,530 kN/side
- Coiling equipment
  - Multi-channel profile gauge

EQUIPMENT FEATURES
- Hot mill finishing stands
  - Top mounted double acting roll load cylinders
  - Bottom stepped packer pass-lineheight adjustment
  - E-block positive and negative work roll bend
  - Side-shifting floor plate work roll change
  - Chock mounted oscillating scratch brushes
  - ISV Pulse width modulated coolant spray bars
  - Entry and interstand strip cooling sprays
  - Multi-channel profile gauge

Coiling equipment and Crop Shears
- Hydraulic heavy/light shear
- Edge trimmer with separate scrap chopper
- Deflector roll and 3 roll bridle
- Grease free cooler mandrel
- Beltwrapper

THE CUSTOMER
Name: Southwest Aluminium
Location: Chonqing, China
Services:
As part of the Chinalco Group, Southwest Aluminium’s new aluminium hot rolling line, installed by Primetals Technologies, has strengthened the position of Southwest Aluminium as the leading flat rolled products producer in China with the capability to supply a wide range of products to world class quality standards.
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