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## Emerson Electric orders roller hearth, lamination annealing line from Primetals Technologies

- Expands capacity of existing plant
- Meets increased demand for air-conditioning units
- Spring 2019 start-up expected

To meet seasonal increased demand for air-conditioning units, Emerson Electric Co. signed a contract with Primetals Technologies for equipment supply and installation of a roller hearth, lamination annealing line at its plant in Russellville, Kentucky. The new lamination annealing line, based on Flinn & Dreffein technology, includes an atmosphere generator and will heat treat low carbon and ultra-low carbon steel to soften and impart specific magnetic properties. Primetals Technologies is responsible for the equipment installation, start up and commissioning services. Start-up is expected for Spring 2019.

Air-conditioning units that use small electric motors represent a significant portion of Emerson's market. The market becomes active in late spring as consumers buy air conditioners in anticipation of warm summer days.

Initially, Emerson planned to have a longer lamination annealing line at its Reynosa, Mexico plant, but limited available space required extensive modifications to fit the new line. Instead, Emerson decided to install a new line at its existing Russellville, Kentucky plant. The Emerson and Primetals Technologies teams collaborated to find a cost-effective solution to shorten each section of the line to fit the Kentucky plant layout.

Emerson, based in St. Louis, Missouri, is a global manufacturing company that provides innovation solutions to industrial, commercial and residential customers. The company's products include compressors, electronics, air-conditioning and heating controls, home monitoring and manufacturing products. It has 205 manufacturing sites worldwide, including about 140 outside the United States in Canada, Europe, Latin America, Asia-Pacific, the Middle East and Africa.



Lamination Annealing, Roller Hearth Furnace from Primetals Technologies

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