



## PRESS RELEASE

# ANDRITZ to supply a tunnel furnace and two shuttle furnaces for North Star BlueScope, USA

*GRAZ, OCTOBER 23, 2019.* International technology group ANDRITZ has received an order from North Star BlueScope Steel Limited for supply of a tunnel furnace along with two shuttle furnaces to convey the slabs from both casters to the two-stand roughing mill at the Delta, Ohio plant. Besides the furnace equipment, ANDRITZ will supply Level 1 and Level 2 automation systems. The shuttle furnaces will be installed during the fourth quarter of 2020. The tunnel furnace is scheduled to start production by the end of 2021.

This furnace order is part of an expansion project by North Star BlueScope that will add a third electric arc furnace, a second continuous caster and the furnace equipment mentioned. The expansion will increase the annual capacity by 800,000 to 900,000 metric tons.

North Star BlueScope supplies high-quality, hot-rolled coils for end uses in various industries, including automotive, construction, agriculture and general manufacturing applications. North Star BlueScope is owned by BlueScope, a leading international supplier of steel products and building solutions found in the global building and construction industry and based in Melbourne, Australia.

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Dual-line tunnel furnace

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## **ANDRITZ GROUP**

ANDRITZ is an international technology group providing plants, systems, equipment, and services for various industries. The company is one of the technology and global market leaders in the hydropower business, the pulp and paper industry, the metal working and steel industries, and in solid/liquid separation in the municipal and industrial segments. Other important fields of business are animal feed and biomass pelleting, as well as automation, where ANDRITZ offers a wide range of innovative products and services in the IIoT (Industrial Internet of Things) sector under the brand name of Metris. In addition, the company is active in power generation (steam boiler plants, biomass power plants, recovery boilers, and gasification plants) and environmental technology (flue gas and exhaust gas cleaning plants) and offers equipment for the production of nonwovens, dissolving pulp, and panelboard, as well as recycling plants.

ANDRITZ stands for passion, partnership, perspectives and versatility – core values to which the company is committed. The listed Group is headquartered in Graz, Austria. With almost 170 years of experience, 29,600 employees, and more than 280 locations in over 40 countries worldwide, ANDRITZ is a reliable and competent partner and helps its customers to achieve their corporate and sustainability goals.

## **ANDRITZ METALS**

ANDRITZ Metals is the technology and global market leader in forming equipment through the Schuler Group, in which ANDRITZ has a stake of more than 95 percent. Schuler offers presses, automation solutions, dies, process know-how, and services for the entire metal forming industry. Its customers include car manufacturers and their suppliers, as well as companies in the forging, household appliance, packaging, energy, and electrical industries. Schuler is also the market leader in minting technology and offers system solutions for various high-tech segments.

In addition, ANDRITZ Metals is one of the leading global suppliers of complete lines for the production and processing of cold-rolled strip made of carbon steel, stainless steel, aluminum, and other non-ferrous metals. The lines comprise equipment for pickling, cold rolling, annealing and heat treatment, surface finishing, strip coating and finishing, punching and deep drawing, and regeneration of pickling acids. The business area also supplies turnkey furnace systems for the steel, copper, and aluminum industries, burners and refractory products, welding systems, as well as comprehensive services for the metal working industry.