



PRESS RELEASE

ANDRITZ receives final acceptance for pickling line and acid regeneration plant at voestalpine, Austria

GRAZ, JUNE 11, 2025. International technology group ANDRITZ has successfully completed the supply of a continuous pickling line, acid regeneration plant, acid purification plant, and silicon removal systems to voestalpine in Linz, Austria. These plants have been integrated into voestalpine's cold rolling mill #3 in Linz.

The ANDRITZ equipment enables voestalpine to perform pickling and cold rolling in a combined plant. In addition, the world's most modern acid regeneration plant was built, complying with the highest environmental standards and enabling flexible production of high-purity iron oxide. The contract included engineering, manufacturing, installation, and start-up of the equipment. The final acceptance tests were completed at the end of March.

Walter Schickmaier, business unit manager of voestalpine, said: *"The project team with members from voestalpine and ANDRITZ has done a great job in the joint execution of this project. The new installation enables us to increase the production quality of high strength and ultra-high strength steel strip for the automotive, household appliance and construction industries, as well as electrical steel for e-mobility."*

- The continuous pickling line is designed to process advanced steel grades and special materials for e-mobility. It has a capacity of about 1.8 million tons per year and operates with hydrochloric acid, which is recycled in the acid regeneration plant.
- With recovery rates of almost 100%, the acid regeneration plant makes a substantial contribution to environmental protection. It meets the highest environmental standards for exhaust gas and wastewater treatment.
- With the acid purification plant, high-purity iron oxide is produced as a by-product of the acid regeneration process. High-purity iron oxide is an important raw material in the e-mobility sector.
- Several systems for removing silicon from the acid loops contribute to smooth operation and highest availability as well as top-quality pickled steel strip.

This major project underscores the successful collaboration between voestalpine and ANDRITZ over many decades.

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New ANDRITZ pickling line at voestalpine cold rolling mill in Linz

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ANDRITZ GROUP

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As a global leader in technology and innovation, ANDRITZ is committed to fostering progress that benefits customers, partners, employees, society, and the environment. The company's growth is driven by sustainable solutions enabling the green transition, advanced digitalization for highest industrial performance, and comprehensive services that maximize the value of customers' plants over their entire life cycle. ANDRITZ. FOR GROWTH THAT MATTERS.

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