

Major Rolling Mill Automation Upgrade project at GERDAU Selkirk, MB

GERDAU awarded AIC for the major Rolling Mill Automation upgrade project at Selkirk, MB plant.

The project confirms the good cooperation between AIC and GERDAU group, sealed after the main rolling mill upgrade project done at Jackson, TN plant, a second rolling mill automation upgrade is going to AIC. Selkirk project includes the full rolling mill automation starting from the Reheating furnace exit until the cooling bed, including the Rougher Area, pendulum shear, Continuous mill composed by 14 stands and 2 start/stop shears, intermediate and dividing shears, cooling bed entry conveyor, braking slide and cooling bed. Strategical motor drives are also replaced at site together with the automation upgrade to increase the performances of the mill.

The main upgrade will reduce operating expense (Opex) and replace all obsolete control systems present at site.

Commissioning of the complete upgrade is scheduled for 2019 summer shutdown.

AIC is a global system integrator providing advanced and tailored automation solutions for the steel industry, with the aim to continuously improve both efficiency, competitiveness and safety of the production processes. With more than 1000 applications worldwide and more than 40 years of history, AIC can boost an unique experience in both greenfield and revamping projects in long products rolling mills and continuous casting machines.

Gerdau is the leading producer of long steel in the Americas and one of the largest suppliers of special long steel in the world. As one of the world's largest recyclers, Gerdau transforms millions of metric tons of scrap into steel every year. Its North American vertically integrated network consists of steel mills, recycling operations, and downstream facilities. Gerdau steel products used in construction, automotive, agricultural and energy markets. 11,000 people are employed by Gerdau across 120 communities in the U.S. and Canada. Gerdau is listed on the stock exchanges of São Paulo, New York, and Madrid and has approximately 140,000 shareholders.

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