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# ARMENAL Foil Rolling Mill Is Up And Running At Full Capacity

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OC RUSAL, the biggest producer of aluminum and alumina oxide in the world, informs about running of ARMENAL foil rolling mill (Armenia) at full capacity of 25,000 tons.

According to the source, the volume of the annually produced output at the enterprise has been increased 1,5 times since December, 2008, that has become possible due to complex upgrading of the basic equipment and assimilation of up-to-date foil production technologies. Since early, 2007, after completion of complex upgrading, ARMENAL has produced and sold about 30,000 tons of finished products. 'A new process policy has been developed and implemented at the enterprise, the labour discipline has been much improved, as well as backgrounds have been created for further assimilation of the upgraded equipment design capacities and serious work has been performed on improvement of the organizational structure, the forms and methods of the personnel motivation and staff deployment - in short, the bases of a long-term success have been laid', Director General of ARMENAL Sergey Borovik said. Considerable enhancement of efficiency of the work of ARMENAL is testified by reduction of the prime cost of metal processing by 42% in December, 2008 as compared with July, 2008. Improvement of the production indicators was also followed by almost 13% growth of salary in the second half year, 2008, as compared with the first half year. This was achieved due to change of the labour payment fund structure and optimization of the personnel number.

At late, 2008, a delegation of the biggest European traders visited ARMENAL to get acquainted with the improved production technology and the foil quality. Upon the results of the meeting, the experts concluded that the enterprise's production meets the international requirements. At present, the mill production is tested for compliance with the specific requirements of the European clients, and positive assessments have already been received. The enterprise's products will be supplied to the Near East and African countries, besides the USA and EU states, in the near future.

Despite the world reduction of demand for the primary aluminum, the foil-rolling products is still in demand in almost all the fields of application. Running of ARMENAL at full capacity will allow the Packing Division of RUSAL to meet the demand in foil-rolling products which grows also because of reduction of the foil production volume in Northern America.

It is also scheduled to increase production of an ultra-fine foil with width of 7- 9 mkm which is strongly sought-for.

ARMENAL foil rolling mill was founded in May 2000 as part of the Kanaker aluminum smelter. It is one of the biggest production facilities in Armenia and is the only producer of aluminum foil in the Caucasus and Central Asian regions.

On May 18th, 2000 the mill was integrated into United Company RUSAL and in January 2003, the Armenian government and United Company RUSAL signed an investment cooperation agreement, under which United Company RUSAL acquired a 26% share and undertook modernization of the mill.

Together with two other foil mills, Sayanal in the Russian republic of Khakasia and Urals Foil, ARMENAL forms the company's Packaging Division. The mill employs over 800 people. RUSAL is the leader in the world aluminum industry. It occupies nearly 12% of world aluminum market. RUSAL employs 90000 people. It is represented in 19 countries on 5 continents.

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