

# PJSC Mechel Launches New Wire-Drawing Equipment

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BELORETSK, July 18, 2022 - Mechel PAO (NYSE:MTL, MOEX:MTLR), a leading Russian mining and metals company, announces the launch of eight draw benches used to produce wire at its Beloretsk Metallurgical Plant. The equipment worth over 500 million rubles has been acquired as part of the upgrade program for the plant's wire and cable facility. The plant has installed a total of 12 new high-performance benches. Investment in the project totals 1.5 billion rubles.

The Republic of Bashkortostan's Prime Minister Andrei Nazarov, Mechel PAO's Chief Executive Officer Oleg Korzhov and other top officials took part in the launch ceremony.

Beloretsk Metallurgical Plant began implementing the investment project of upgrading its wire and cable facility in 2016. It is due to be completed by the end of 2023. It includes a sweeping technical revamping of the plant's wire-drawing facilities, installing new draw benches and auxiliary equipment, as well as reconstructing their closed-loop recirculation systems and installing a new waste treatment plant at the wire and cable facilities.

The new benches are equipped with scalebreakers with belt nodes, rinse tanks and coating machines. This enables the facility to scale off dross mechanically and abandon the practice of chemical scaling for wire rods, as well as improve its performance due to higher drawing speeds. The new straight-line machines can also rule out kinks, which improves the wire's mechanical properties.

The new benches will produce spring and welding wire, as well as wire for prestressing strands and regular wire. The capacity of all 12 benches will total over 125,000 tonnes a year.

Simultaneously with the assembly of the draw benches, the plant built a new closed-loop recirculation system and assembled dust aspiration systems.

"This upgrade will take Beloretsk Metallurgical Plant to a new production level, improving our ecological impact, enabling us to manufacture those products that are high in demand, and create high-performance jobs," Beloretsk Metallurgical Plant's Managing Director Sergey Fedorov noted.

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