

ArcelorMittal Dofasco Licenses Technology For Hot-Dip Coating Applications

HAMILTON, ON, CANADA June 18, 2009 – IQ Manufacturing Solutions, a provider of smart camera-based inspection solutions for the steel industry, is pleased to announce the launch of its solution for knife-to-strip measurement in hot-dip galvanizing applications. Licensed from ArcelorMittal Dofasco, this solution is able to measure the absolute distance between the air knives and the strip pass line on both the operator and drive sides of the process. This is the second application license agreement between ArcelorMittal Dofasco and IQ Manufacturing Solutions.

Originally conceived at ArcelorMittal Dofasco, the technology has now been productized and is being offered as an advanced coating weight control solution in the steel industry. IQ Manufacturing Solutions is now working on the third such installation within the ArcelorMittal Group.

The IQMS KNIFEi solution can provide quick payback and can be installed easily on existing galvanizing operations. Benefits include improved coating transition management, yield improvement and enhanced coating weight control capability providing tighter tolerances and zinc savings. Victor Chupil, President of IQ Manufacturing Solutions and the original inventor of the technology stated “We now have a practical solution to a historic measurement problem in the industry. Our KNIFEi solution enables galvanizers to improve their capability and realize significant savings.”

About IQ Manufacturing Solutions

IQ Manufacturing Solutions provides smart camera-based inspection systems to the manufacturing sector. IQMS combines technical expertise in illumination, optics, camera technology and image processing with shop floor experience to provide customers with a complete solution that can be easily integrated into process automation infrastructure and operating practices. IQMS’ compact, robust systems significantly reduce cost and complexity, providing very attractive returns on investment.



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About ArcelorMittal Dofasco

ArcelorMittal Dofasco is a leading North American steel producer and a member of the ArcelorMittal group of companies. ArcelorMittal is the world's leading steel company, with operations in more than 60 countries. ArcelorMittal Dofasco's wide range of flat rolled steel products is sold to customers in the automotive, construction, energy, manufacturing, pipe & tube, appliance, packaging and steel distribution industries.

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