

Matalco's Ohio remelt billet facility 75% done

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NEW YORK — Hiring is under way at Matalco Inc.'s new aluminum remelt extrusion billet manufacturing facility in Lordstown, Ohio, where six key positions have been filled and construction is about three-quarters complete, a company executive said.

The greenfield project and accompanying nonferrous recycling plant is a partnership between Matalco and Triple M Metal LP, both Brampton, Ontario-based subsidiaries of Giampaolo Group. The two companies will be operating “under the same roof” in Lordstown.

“Matalco’s new state-of-the-art remelt extrusion-grade aluminum billet facility will include and integrate Triple M’s new nonferrous plant to both procure and handle a large portion of Matalco’s aluminum scrap requirements,” Robert Roscetti, vice president of Matalco (U.S.) Inc., told AMM. The plant will process other nonferrous materials, such as copper and brass, independently and separately from Matalco, he added.

The Matalco facility is scheduled to be fully commissioned by mid- to late March 2016, Roscetti said, with production commencing in April of next year. Matalco broke ground on the project last year (amm.com, Sept. 19, 2014). Triple M is set to begin operations during the first quarter of 2016.

Matalco is forecasting a three-year production ramp-up schedule, with a first-year production capacity at about 90 million pounds. That will increase to the full capacity of more than 300 million pounds by the end of 2018, Roscetti added.

Hiring at the facility calls for 60 to 80 full-time permanent positions by the end of 2018, he said. The six positions already filled are for both skilled and managerial levels, with an additional 10 to 20 positions to be filled by January 2016.

Construction on the project is currently about 75-percent complete, Roscetti said, with the remaining 25 percent (primarily mechanical and electrical work) scheduled to be completed over the next three months.

“Matalco and Triple M are extremely excited about entering this next phase of the Giampaolo Group’s corporate strategic growth plan,” he said. “With this new facility, both companies will further expand their respective market share; and for Matalco, in particular, it will allow for a closer proximity to both customers and prospective clients in the region.”

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