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High-precision flattening and side trimming at
galvanizing line entry

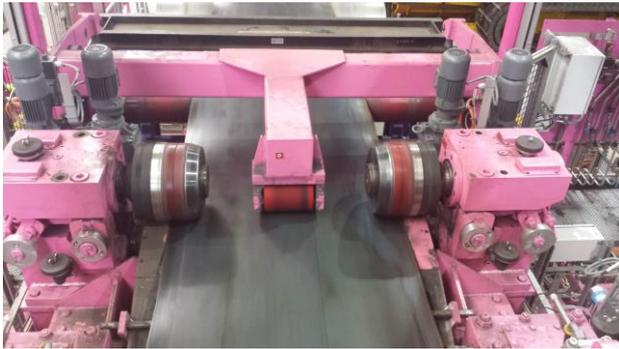
**Wuppermann grants SMS group FAC for equipment added to
the galvanizing line for hot strip in Moerdijk**

SMS group (www.sms-group.com) recently supplied a seven-roller flattener and a side trimmer to Wuppermann Staal in Moerdijk, the Netherlands. The two machines were installed at the entry of hot-dip galvanizing line for hot strip, which has been in operation since 2001. In December 2015, Wuppermann granted SMS group the FAC for both machines. The new line configuration at the entry allows Wuppermann to hot-dip galvanize the hot strip face sides and the edges in one pass.

In order to ensure that the sides of the strip are most accurately trimmed, the strip is first leveled in the seven-roller flattening unit. The side trimmer, which is equipped with ASC (Automatic Setting Control), features integrated burr masher and scrap chopper units. SMS group supplied the new special strip processing equipment complete with automation and control systems, facilitating integration into the line and the commissioning process.

The new heat-to-coat hot-dip galvanizing line for hot strip, which SMS group is building at Wuppermann in Hungary, will have the same entry configuration as the line in Moerdijk. The line in Hungary, which will be started up in mid-2016, will produce hot-dip galvanized strip with hot-dip galvanized edges in a single pass. The thus produced material is frequently used in silos for the storage of bulk material and is therefore often referred to as silo sheets.

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With the new side trimming unit installed at the line entry, Wuppermann can now hot-dip galvanize the face sides and the edges of hot strip in a single pass.



The new hot-dip galvanizing line for hot strip being built by SMS group for Wuppermann in Hungary will receive the same line entry configuration consisting of a seven-roller flattener and a side trimming unit as the one lately successfully commissioned in Moerdijk.

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