

Raccortubi Norsk inaugurates new warehouse in Aberdeen

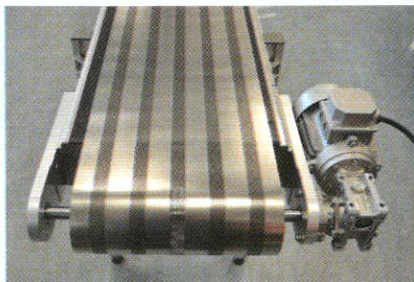


Raccortubi Norsk, Raccortubi Group's most recent acquisition, has moved into new premises on Blackburn Business Park in Aberdeen. The stockholder and distributor of piping materials in stainless steel and special alloys now benefits from a warehouse consisting of a larger square footage to hold a stock of pipes, tubes, fittings and flanges.

Formerly known as Norsk Alloys, Raccortubi Norsk was acquired by Raccortubi Group in 2015 to extend its distribution network to the United Kingdom. Raccortubi Norsk is receiving Group support in the form of a global distribution network, supplementary ex-stock material from the 10,000 m² warehouse in Italy, reliable provision of products for frame agreements, and butt weld fittings to short lead times from integrated production facilities.

In addition, Raccortubi Norsk is placing a great deal of emphasis on the quality and personalisation of the final product. Fully-tested and certified items in accordance with Oil & Gas industry requirements are available off-the-shelf, and, where requested, Raccortubi Norsk provides further testing for its clients as well as additional services such as in-house cutting and machining. Raccortubi Group has been investing considerably in its UK presence of late. Starting with the establishment of its branch office Raccortubi UK just outside London in July last year, it then acquired Norsk Alloys, renowned stockholder of piping components in special materials for offshore platforms, in October in Aberdeen.

OEM chooses Belt Technologies for conveyor belts



OEM, a major pharmaceutical packaging application, has recently selected Belt Technologies (Europe) to produce stainless steel conveyor belts that will be included in a new sterilization tunnel

system. Belt Technologies, Inc. specializes in the design and manufacturing of solid, stainless steel conveyor belts for a variety of industries, including food processing, robotics, and pharmaceutical manufacturing.

"Stainless steel metal conveyor belts are an excellent choice for the pharmaceutical packaging and processing industries," said sales and marketing manager, Ivan Amaya, "Metal belts

are sanitary, easy to clean, and do not generate particulates, which makes them a perfect option for environments where cleanliness is paramount."

Each sterilization tunnel will incorporate two solid stainless steel metal conveyor belts by Belt Technologies. The belts will operate in tandem to keep products stable where the mesh wire belts failed to do so. They will also achieve a smooth operating motion without the need for lubrication. Metal belts do not outgas or generate particulates, which makes them a perfect choice for highly sanitary environments. In addition, their resistance to intensely high temperatures enables metal conveyor belts to survive the sterilization process.

voestalpine wins Nord Stream 2 project contract

voestalpine, a steel-based technology and capital goods group, has recently secured a major new contract in the ongoing economically challenging oil and gas industry for the Nord Stream 2 pipeline project between Europe and Russia. After having supplied 170,000 tonnes highest-quality line pipe plates for the first part of the offshore gas pipeline in the Baltic Sea between 2008 and 2010, the Group will now produce several hundred thousand tonnes for Nord Stream 2.



Nord Stream is a 1,200 km offshore pipeline transporting natural gas from the Yuzhno-Russkoye natural gas field and neighbouring fields in Siberia via the Baltic Sea to Germany. As such, it plays a major role in securing Europe's access to natural gas supplies. As this pipeline is running almost at full capacity, having transported around 40 billion cubic meters of gas to the EU through both lines in 2015, construction of Nord Stream 2 with two further pipelines is to go ahead. With the biggest contract in its history voestalpine Grobblech GmbH has now secured the supply for several hundred thousand tonnes of special plate for these pipelines, which will again be handled together with strategic partner OMK between August 2016 and February 2018.

United Performance adds 12" slitter



United Performance Metals, suppliers of stainless steel, duplex stainless steel, nickel, cobalt, aluminium and titanium has recently installed a 12" wide slitter capable of processing coils ranging

in thickness from .015" to .125" at its West Coast facility. "The addition of the 12" wide slitter will benefit our customers by keeping lead-times short and allowing us to deliver heavier gauge slit stainless steel and nickel alloys within a few days" remarked Chris Weber, West Region Branch Manager for United Performance Metals. The facility also maintains additional equipment capable of performing extensive slitting and sawing applications.