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SAFETY
EAFF

PRODUCTIVITY

UPGRADE



AT
**UNITED
STEEL**
KUWAIT

PROJECT HISTORY

United Steel Industrial Company is a private Kuwaiti Closed Shareholding Industrial and Commercial Joint Venture Company that was established in 1996 through a joint partnership between Kuwaiti investors and ASCOTEC of Germany. United Steel Industrial Company is the sole producer of steel rebar and billets in Kuwait.

Since 2011, their 150t EAF has been operating with a complete MORE sidewall injection system (oxygen, carbon and lime injection) with excellent results with 100% DRI/HBI charge.

EAF TECHNICAL DATA

EAF Type	Danieli EAF EBT
Heat steel capacity	125 t / 138 st
Shell diameter	6,9 m / 22 ft
Transformer	163 MVA +10%
Charge mix	from 100% DRI to 100% scrap
Hot heel	40 t / 44 st

In 2015, United Steel contacted MORE to upgrade the sidewall injection system in order to have the possibility to charge more scrap on the basis of market conditions. As operators' safety was always one of the top priorities of the company, installing an automatic system to sand and inspect the EBT tap hole after tapping was requested. This would then avoid any manual operation on the EBT sump panel.

During the beginning of 2016, both companies agreed on the final layout design of injectors in order to run the EAF charging from 100% DRI/HBI to 100% scrap.

2017 EAF LAYOUT

2011



MOCA
CARBON DISPENSER

2015

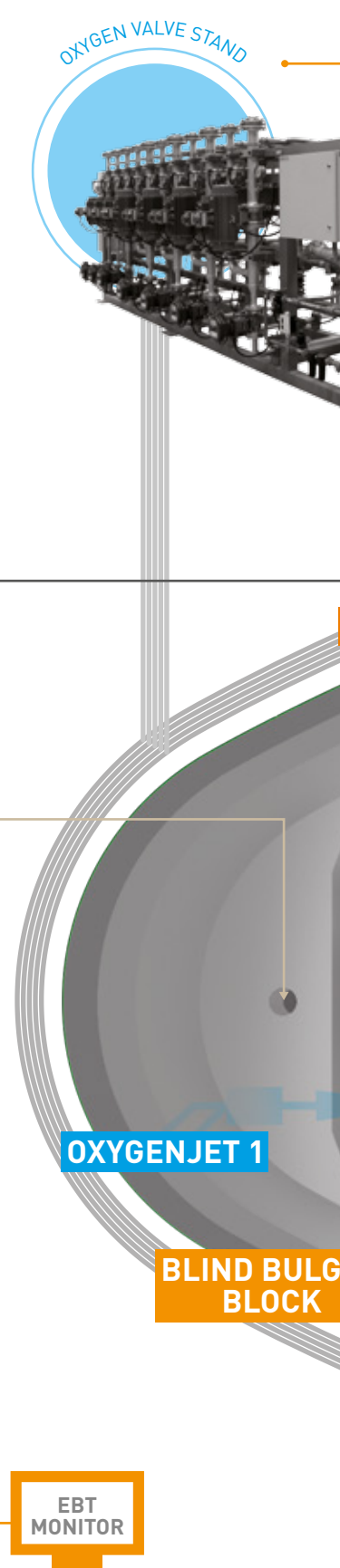


EBT SAND

2016



MOCA
SAND DISPENSER





AUTOMATION

LIME

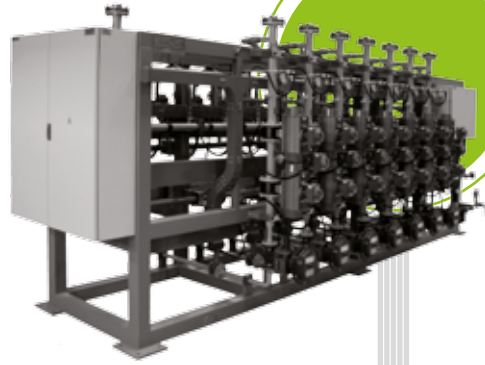
NATURAL GAS

CARBON

SAND

OXYGEN

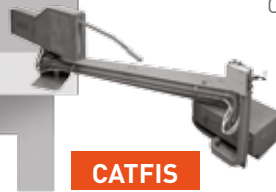
NATURAL GAS VALVE STAND



MOLI
LIME DISPENSER



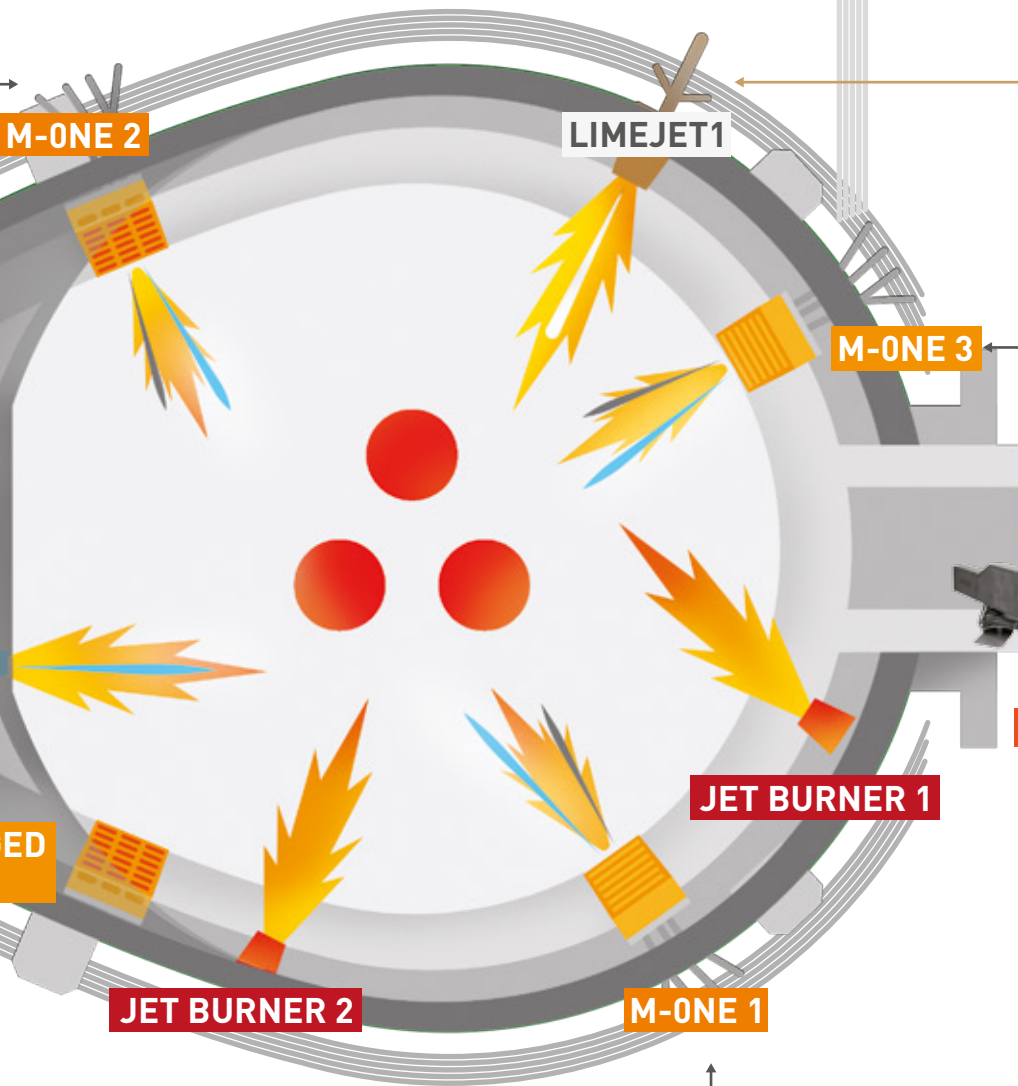
MOCA
CARBON DISPENSER



CATFIS



MOCA
CARBON DISPENSER



M-ONE 2

LIMEJET1

M-ONE 3

JET BURNER 1

JET BURNER 2

M-ONE 1

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CATFIS

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CARBON DISPENSER

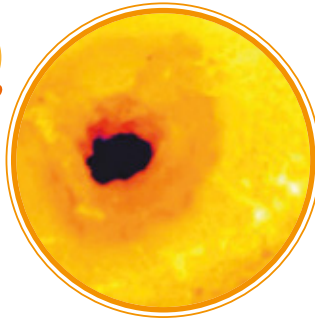
**EBT SAND:
REMOTE VISUAL
INSPECTION
AND SAFETY
IMPROVEMENT**

As operators' safety has always been a major concern for United Steel, the CATFIS T&S manipulator was used to avoid any manual sampling in front of the slag door. To further increase its commitment, United Steel also decided to install the EBT SAND system to avoid any manual operations from the top of

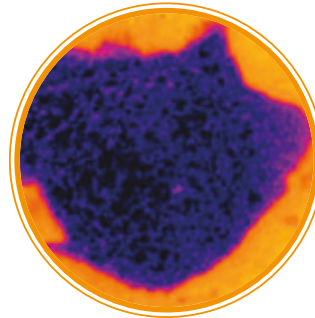
the EBT sump panel, after tapping. The EBT SAND assembly includes an internal hopper, filled with sand from a pneumatic dispenser and a on board high resolution camera to inspect the EBT tap hole directly from the control desk to manage the sand charging operations remotely.



EBT SAND ON-BOARD



EBT SAND CAMERA
IMAGE AFTER TAPPING



EBT SAND CAMERA
IMAGE AFTER SANDING



EBT SAND BENEFITS

**1_ IMPROVED
OPERATORS HEALTH
AND SAFETY**

**2_ REMOTE
OPERATION FROM
FURNACE CONTROL
ROOM OR TAPPING
PULPIT IN A SAFE
POSITION**



**5_ AUTOMATIC
AND REMOTE
SAND CHARGING
OPERATIONS**

**4_ REDUCED
OPERATING COSTS**

**3_ DIRECT
PRODUCTIVITY
IMPROVEMENTS**



Since October 2016, excellent results have been achieved. Better injection tools have ensured improved EAF operations both in terms of productivity and overall process control.

EAF OPERATIONAL RESULTS & BENEFITS

Moreover, better distribution of the supersonic oxygen injection with highly coherent supersonic streams has generated better bath penetration for C oxidation and other oxidizing reactions in the steel/slag interface.

UNITED STEEL EAF WITH CATFIS

	BEFORE	AFTER		
PARAMETER	Power-on time	43 min	37 min	6 min*
	Tap-to-Tap	60 min	51,5	8,5 min
	Power off	17	14,5	2,5
	Electrical energy consumption	530 kwh/t	510 kwh/t	20 kwh/t*
	Number of heats per day	24	28	4
			DIFFERENCE	

*with the injectors upgrade the customer replaced also the EAF transformer with a bigger one

With the installation of the EBT SAND, just by replacing the manual inspection and sanding operation with an automatic cycle, the power-off time was reduced by **1,5 minutes per heat**. Consequently it was possible to gain **1 heat per day**.

NEW INJECTORS CONFIGURATION



INSTALLED LIMEJET AND M-ONE

	3 x 1800 Nm ³ /h / 1120 scfm	(Supersonic/coherent oxygen injection mode)
M-ONE	3 x 4 MW	(Mixed Swirl Flame burner mode)
	3 x 40 Kg/min / 88 lb/min	(Carbon injection mode)
OXYGENJET	1 x 1300 Nm ³ /h / 800 scfm	(Supersonic/coherent oxygen injection mode)
	1 x 4 MW	(Mixed Swirl Flame burner mode)
LIMEJET	1 x 200 Kg/min / 440 lb/min	(Lime injection mode)
	1 x 4 MW	(Mixed Swirl Flame burner mode)
JET	2 x 4 MW	(Mixed Swirl Flame burner mode)

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