



Forni Industriali Bendotti: new Nucor order

The American steel producer, eleventh in the world for its volume of production, has again shown its faith in Bendotti with the purchase of a furnace for its Illinois plant

Costa Volpino (Bergamo), 30 May 2018 - **Forni Industriali Bendotti** has been awarded a **contract for a reheating furnace with Nucor Steel Kankakee, Inc.** (Illinois). The mill is owned by Nucor Corporation, an American steel producer with an annual output of around 24 million tons of steel. This is the third furnace the Italian company is supplying to Nucor. Forni Industriali Bendotti is a market leader in the prefabrication of reheating and heat treatment furnaces.

The **walking beam furnace has a capacity of 91 metric tons per hour**. It will supply the **merchant bar mill** that will be erected by SMS in the Nucor Kankakee plant in the town of Bourbonnais, 100 km south of Chicago. The start-up is scheduled for late 2019 pending permits and other regulatory approvals.

John Ferriola, CEO of Nucor Corporation, has declared that the investment is “perfectly in line with our long-term strategy, aimed at profitable growth of our business.” Ferriola went on to say that the operation “solidifies our position as a low-cost producer, and allows us to replace the volumes of steel that are currently supplied by our competitors outside the region.”

“Besides prefabrication, our unique and globally recognised selling point, what sets us apart is our post sales support, both in terms of spare parts and supervision and maintenance,” explained **Forni Industriali Bendotti CEO, Michele Bendotti**. “Our furnaces have an obsolescence of more than 40 years, a clear demonstration of manufacturing quality. As we only make reheating and heat treatment furnaces, we can interface with all the main rolling mill manufacturers, exchanging data with a view to Industry 4.0.”

“In 2016 we saw an inversion of trend in all steel markets, which reacted positively,” concluded CEO Bendotti. “2018 has begun quite strongly. **Demand remains very high**. We are fully prepared to satisfy it.”

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