

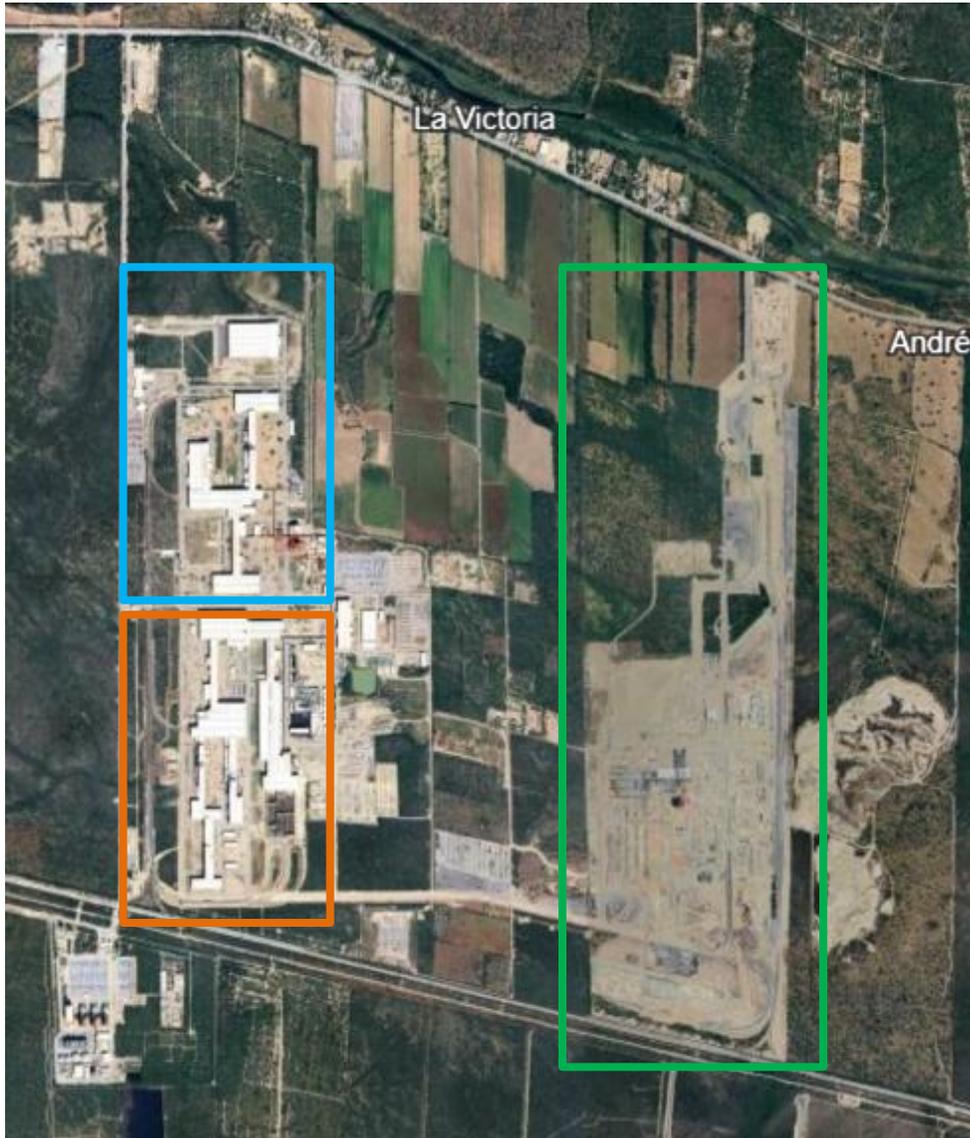
# Tomorrow's Steel Mill, Today: Ternium Pesquería Leads Sustainable Innovation

Fadi Abularage – Tenova HYL

Kyle Shoop – Tenova Inc.

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# Ternium Pesquería Development



- Pesquería, Nuevo León, México.
- Site Size 437 hectares
- Phase 1 – Completed in 2013  
Cold Rolling Mill, Galvanizing Line, and Site Infrastructure
- Phase 2 – Completed in 2021  
4.4 M ton/yr Hot Rolling Mill
- Phase 3 – In Progress; DRI & Meltshop



# Ternium Steelmill Partners



The Techint Group is building the most modern, sustainable and state-of-the-art DRI facility in North America.

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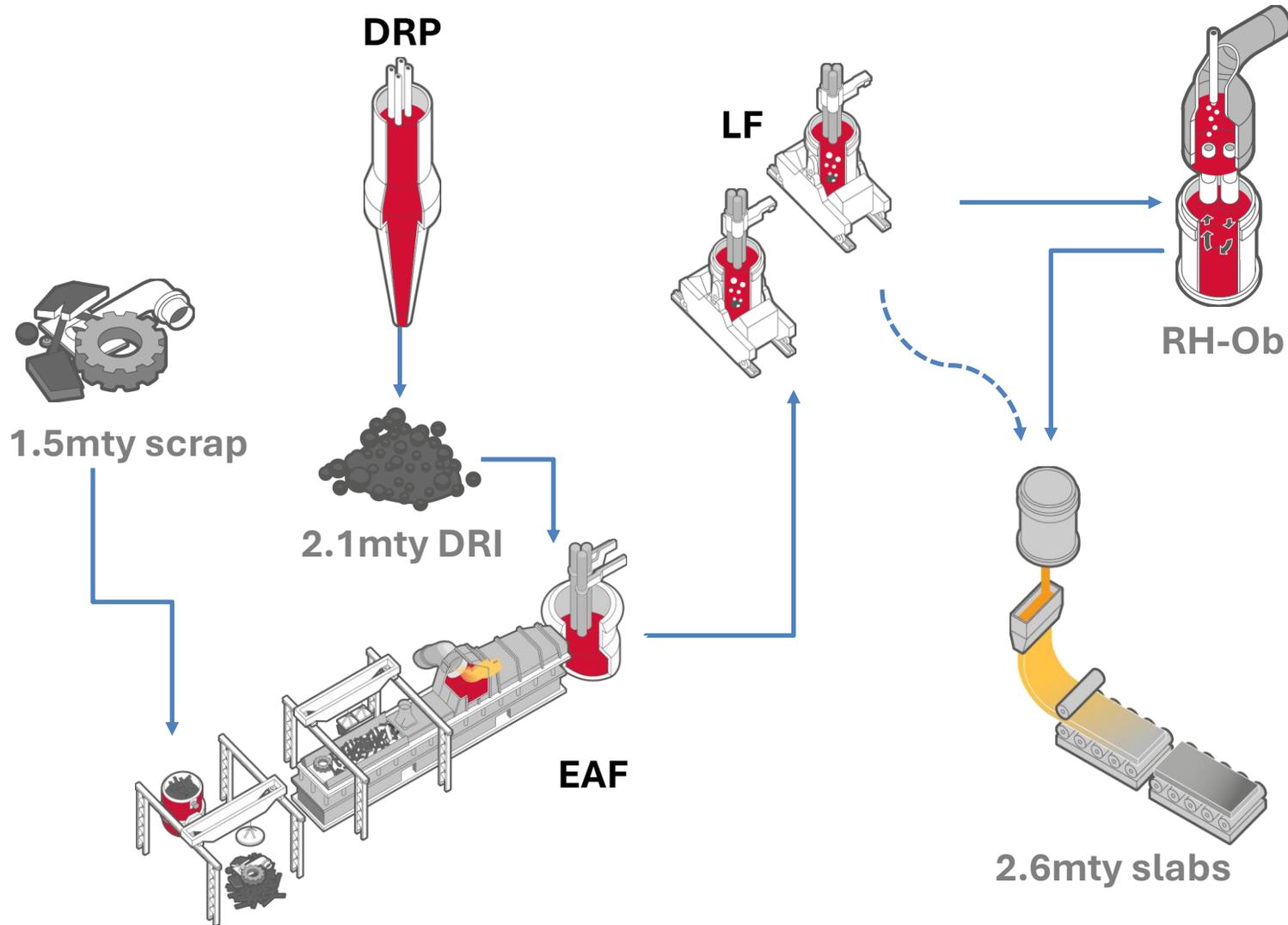
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DRI TECHNOLOGY BY TENOVA AND DANIELI

# Steel Production – DRI & Meltshop

## PRODUCTION LINE



# Ternium DRI Plant

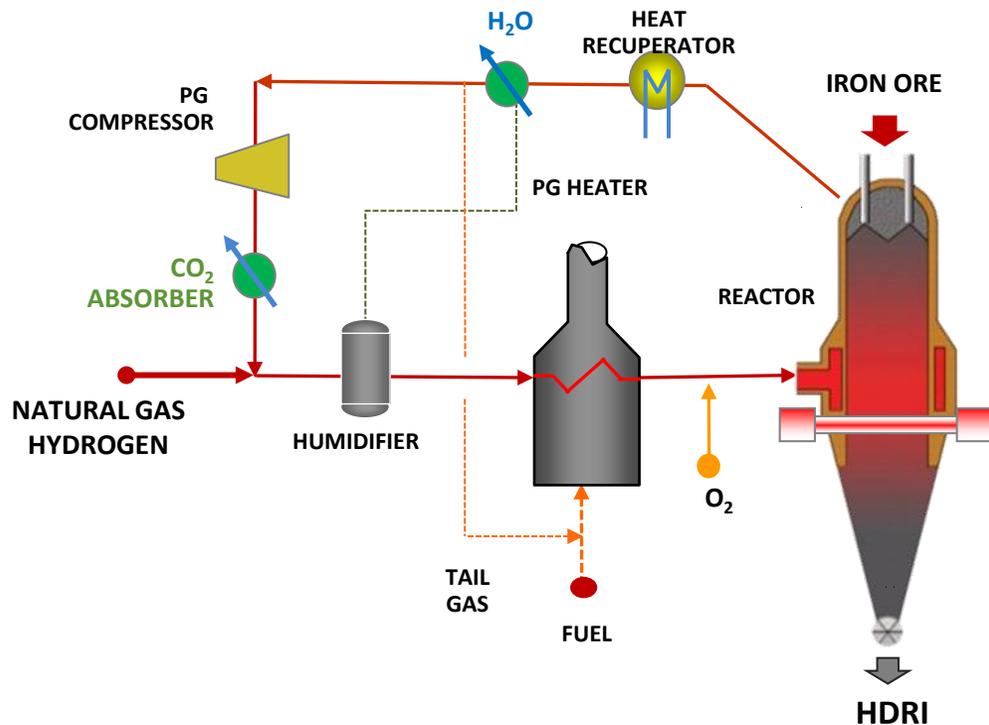


- Pesquería, Nuevo León, México.
- 2,100,000 TPY of HDRI/CDRI



# DRI Plant - Characteristics

## PLANT DESCRIPTION & MAIN FEATURES



ENERGIIRON ZR FLOW SHEET

## MAIN PLANT CHARACTERISTICS

- **Plant Capacity:** 2,100,000 ton/year
- **Process Scheme:** Zero Reformer (ZR)
- **Type of Product:** Hot DRI (HDRI) / Cold DRI (CDRI)
- **DRI Quality:** >94%Mtz; variable carbon 2.0%-4.5%C
- **Reducing gases:** Natural Gas / Hydrogen ready
- **DRI Shafts:** one, 6.7m ID – prepared for future expansion
- **Process Gas Heater:** one, radiant / convective fired-type
- **PG Compressors:** two, centrifugal type
- **CO<sub>2</sub> Removal Unit:** one system, amine-based absorption
- **Hot DRI Transport System:** one, pneumatic transport system (HYTEMP system) for conveying the HDRI to the Tenova EAF.
- **Digitalization:** Digital Twin model for plant efficiency and predictive maintenance.

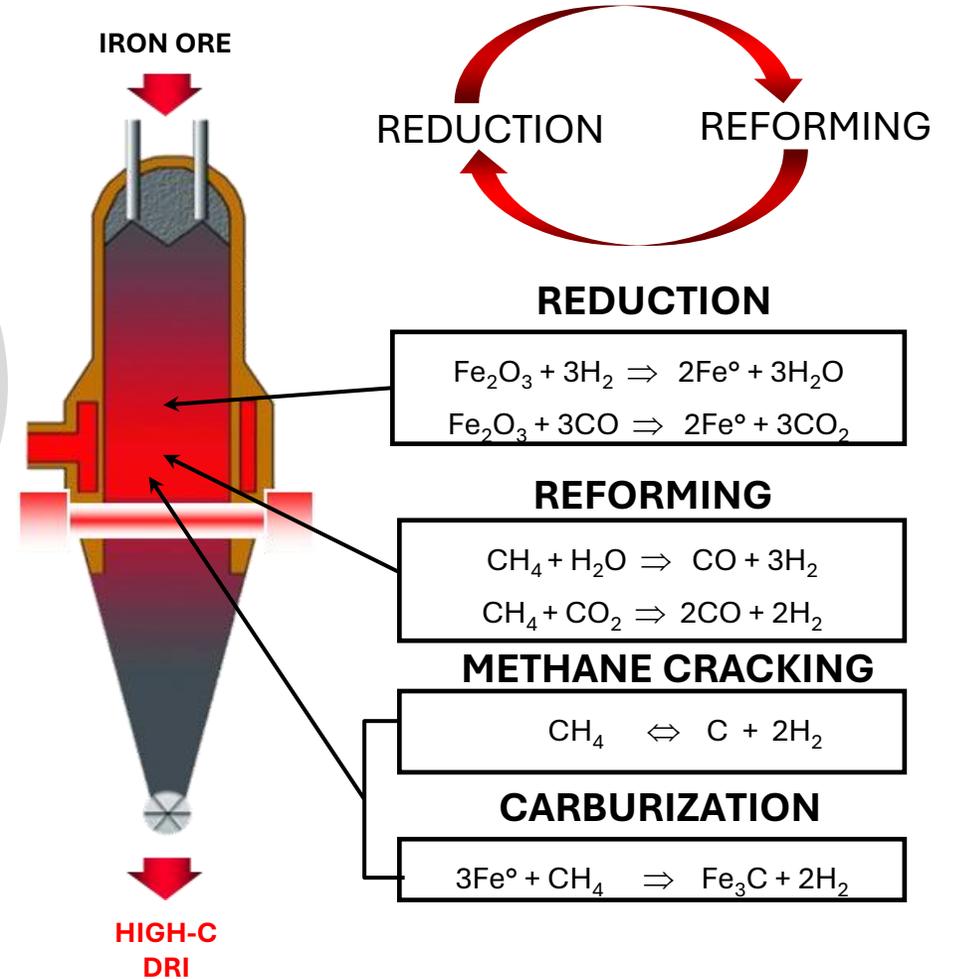
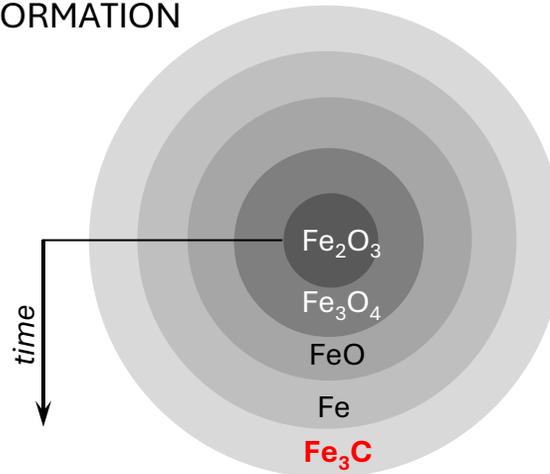
# ENERGIRON ZR (zero reformer)

## PROCESS CHARACTERISTICS WITH NATURAL GAS

### MAIN CHARACTERISTICS:

- NG Reforming, iron ore Reduction and DRI Carburization take place in the SAME Reactor.
- Catalyst is the SAME iron (Fe) in DRI being produced and always renewed.
- High temperature to comply with *in-situ* reforming & reduction (>1050°C)
- Production of UNIQUE High-C DRI.
- No need of external reformer.
- Most efficient DR process.

### STEPS IN DRI FORMATION

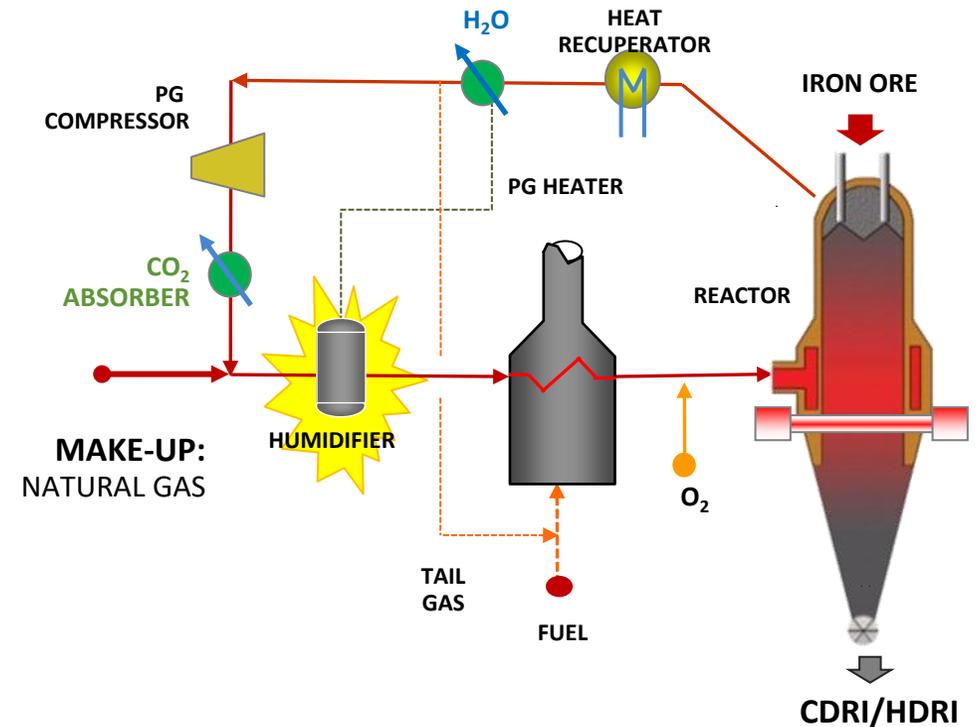
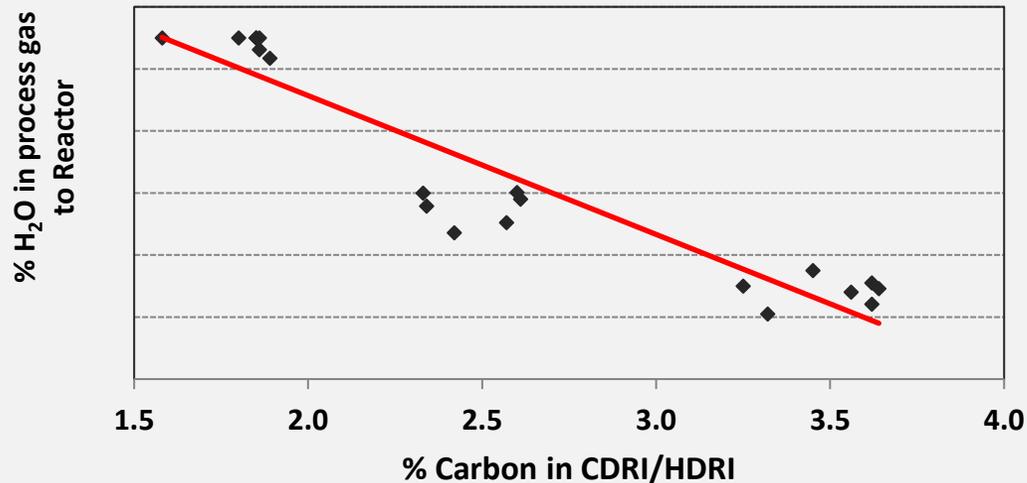


# High Carbon DRI

## SIMPLEST AND FLEXIBLE WAY TO PRODUCING HIGH-CARBON DRI

- % Carbon control in DRI in ENERGIRON ZR is very simple: with the same NG to process, the Carbon deposition rate is controlled by %humidity (through humidifier) in the reducing gas fed to the Reactor, promoting the re-gasification back to CO and H<sub>2</sub>.
- Simple and direct %Carbon control **without additional systems**, gas treatment/injection, more equipment and added-complexity/costs operations.

Suez Steel Operation Data: % Carbon in DRI control/flexibility @ constant 94% Mtz

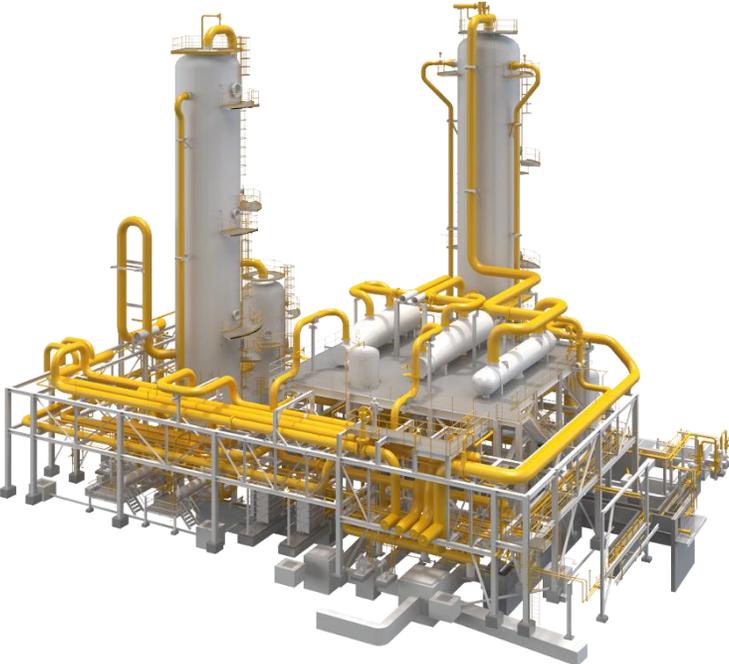


# DRI Plant - Carbon Capture

## CARBON CAPTURE AND UTILIZATION

TERNIUM New DRI Plant will be one of the **GREENEST** facilities emitting <190 kg CO<sub>2</sub> / ton DRI

SELECTIVE CO<sub>2</sub> REMOVAL → POSSIBILITY FOR CCU / CCS



Selective CO<sub>2</sub> → 

- Captured Process CO<sub>2</sub>:**
- Aprox. **250 kg CO<sub>2</sub>/ ton DRI**
  - Purity: >99% (dry basis)
  - Pressure: 0.3 barg
  - Temperature: 50°C

Above captured CO<sub>2</sub> is equivalent to **~60% of the total produced CO<sub>2</sub>** (i.e. the sum of the process CO<sub>2</sub> and the CO<sub>2</sub> from combustion).



**IMPULSAN TERNIUM Y CRYOINFRA LA SOSTENIBILIDAD DE LA INDUSTRIA ACERERA CON PLANTA DE CONVERSIÓN DE DIÓXIDO DE CARBONO**

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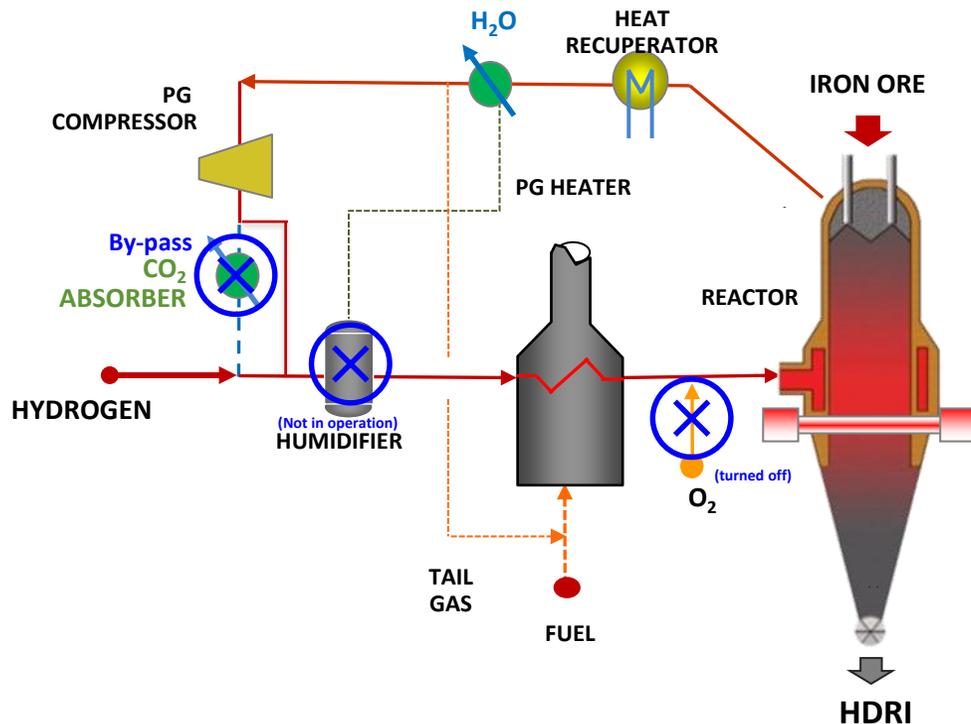
3D Render of CO2 Absorption System



# DRI Plant - Hydrogen

## HYDROGEN USE READINESS

USE OF HYDROGEN → POSSIBILITY FOR CDA (CARBON DIRECT AVOIDANCE)



**ENERGIRON** ZR FLOW SHEET  
SAME PROCESS CONFIGURATION WITH HYDROGEN USE

- ✓ **Hydrogen Ready** Flexibility to operate with NG/H<sub>2</sub> at any ratio.  
The DRI Plant will be not only to operate at any proportion of make up gases, but also in in **reversible operating mode** at any moment with no need to modify the process configuration, i.e. back and forth with any feed gas mixture
- ✓ **High Carbon DRI** (>3.0%C) can be achieved even with 35% H<sub>2</sub> feed in energy basis.

# DRI Plant – Reactor

## DRI SHAFT FURNACE



### REACTOR SHAFT:

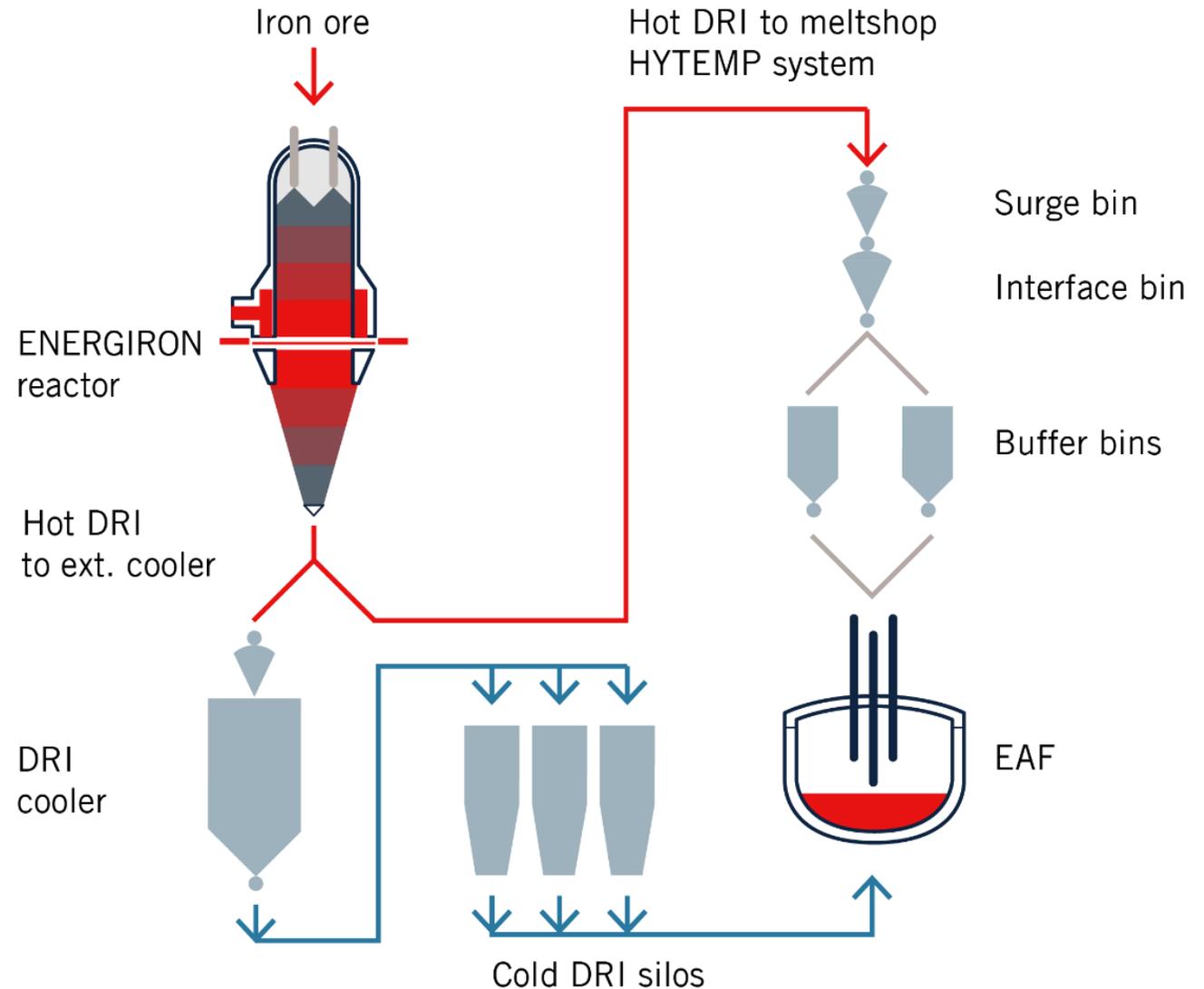
- Reactor design for reduction, in-situ reforming and carburization for high metallized DRI product.
- Main data:
  - Total Height: ~42 meters
  - Internal diameter: ~6.7 meters
  - Weight: ~680 tons
- Shipped in seven pieces due to logistics and transport restrictions.
- Reactor assembled at ground level from seven to three pieces.
- Lifted in three pieces and finally assembled inside the tower.

# DRI Plant – Hot DRI Transport

## HYTEMP® SYSTEM

Thermal energy of **HOT DRI** can be recovered by transporting it pneumatically at high temperature directly from the reactor to the EAF

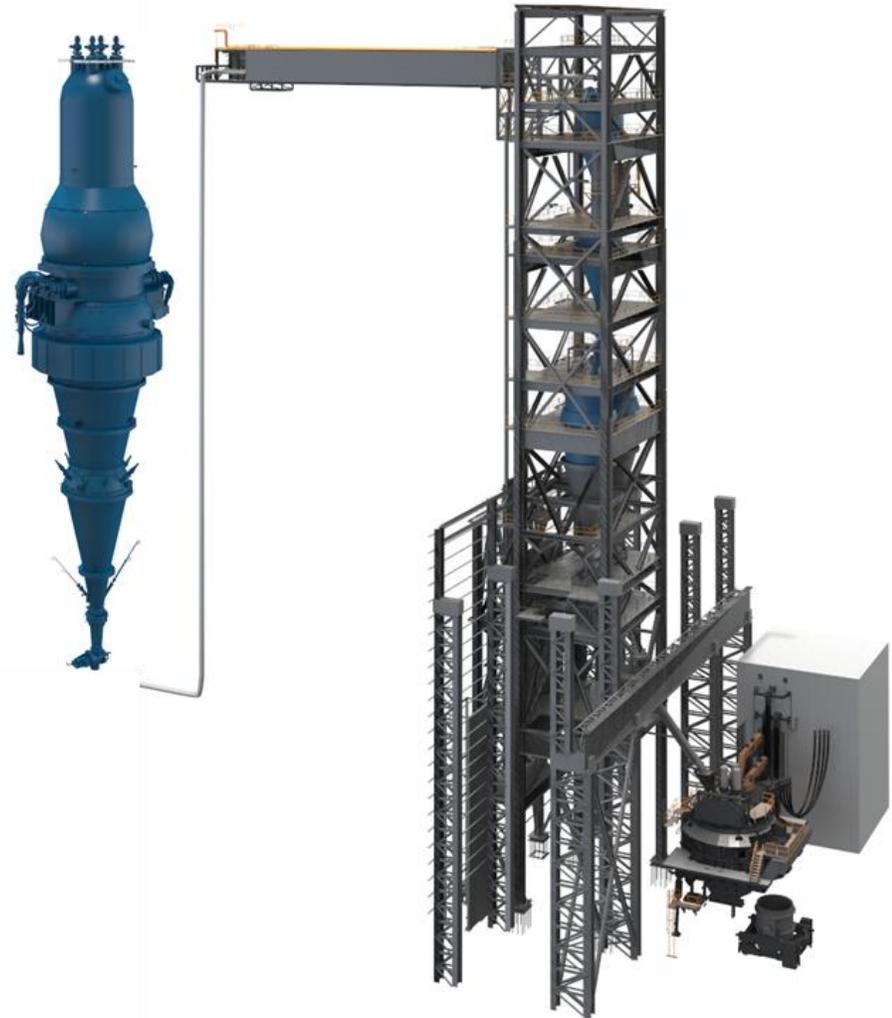
**HOT DRI** temperature conservation is further improved with the implementation of the innovative ceramic lining at the Reactor Cone.



# DRI Plant – HYTEMP®

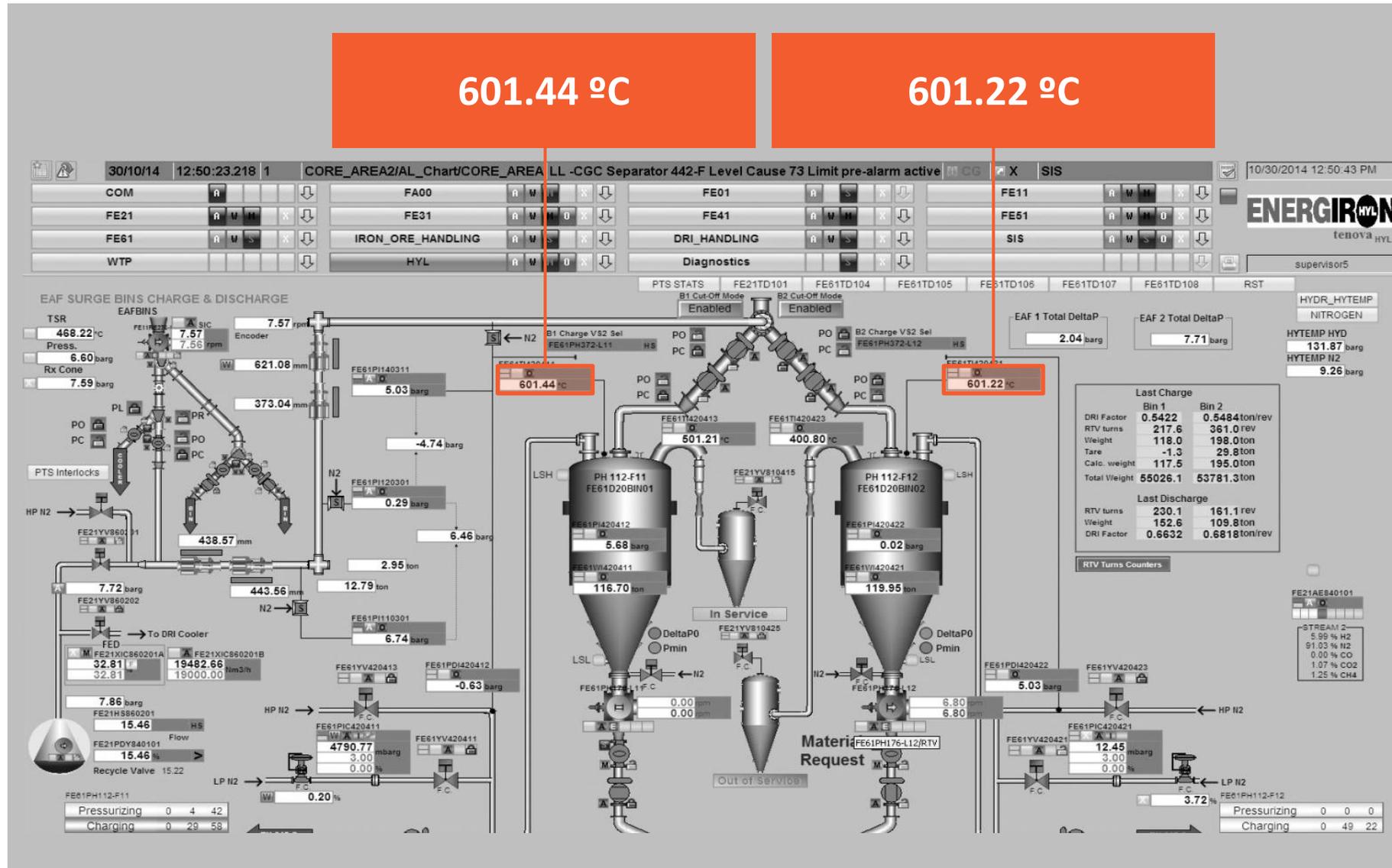
## HYTEMP® SYSTEM

- ✓ Pneumatic Transport System
- ✓ In operation since 1998
- ✓ 4 reference installations (Ternium MTY, 2 x ES, SSC)
- ✓ 3 new installations on construction (Ternium Pes, SALCOS, Hyundai Steel)
- ✓ Outstanding reliability and availability, with negligible maintenance requirements
- ✓ Highest safety standards, thanks to the inert carrier gas and the completely sealed design with gas cleaning.
- ✓ Zero material/dust emissions, thanks to the inert carrier gas and the completely sealed design with gas cleaning.
- ✓ Minimum DRI temperature losses
- ✓ Great operational flexibility, Hot DRI or Cold DRI can be produced at any rate (0 ÷ 100%) on continuous basis
- ✓ Fully automated and integrated DRP-EAF system

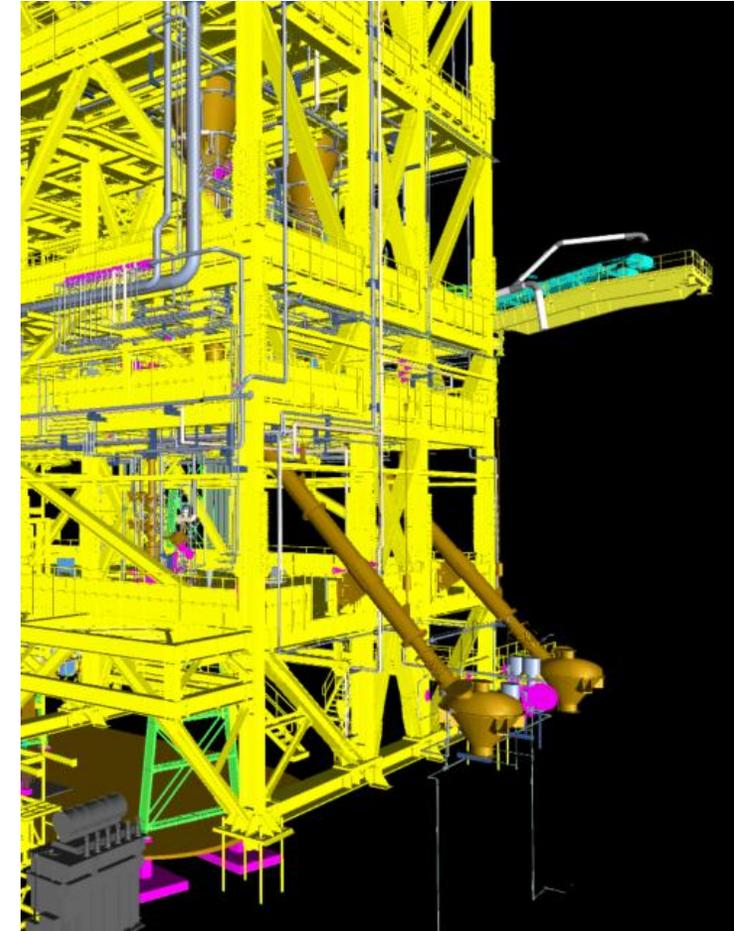
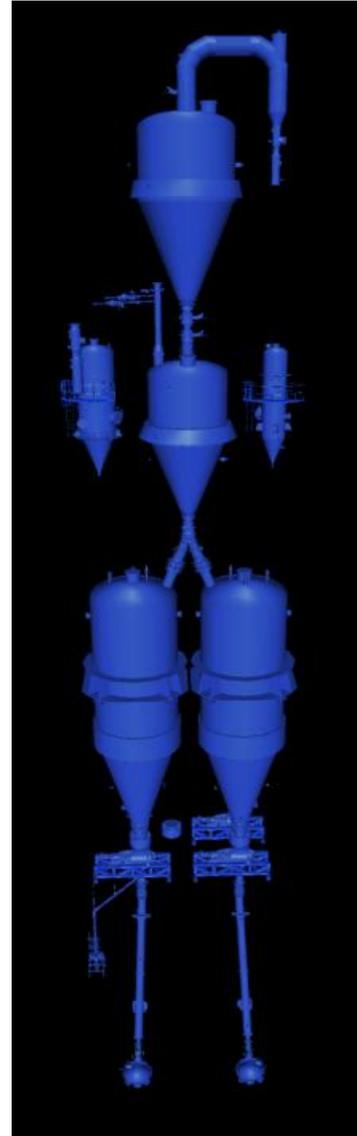
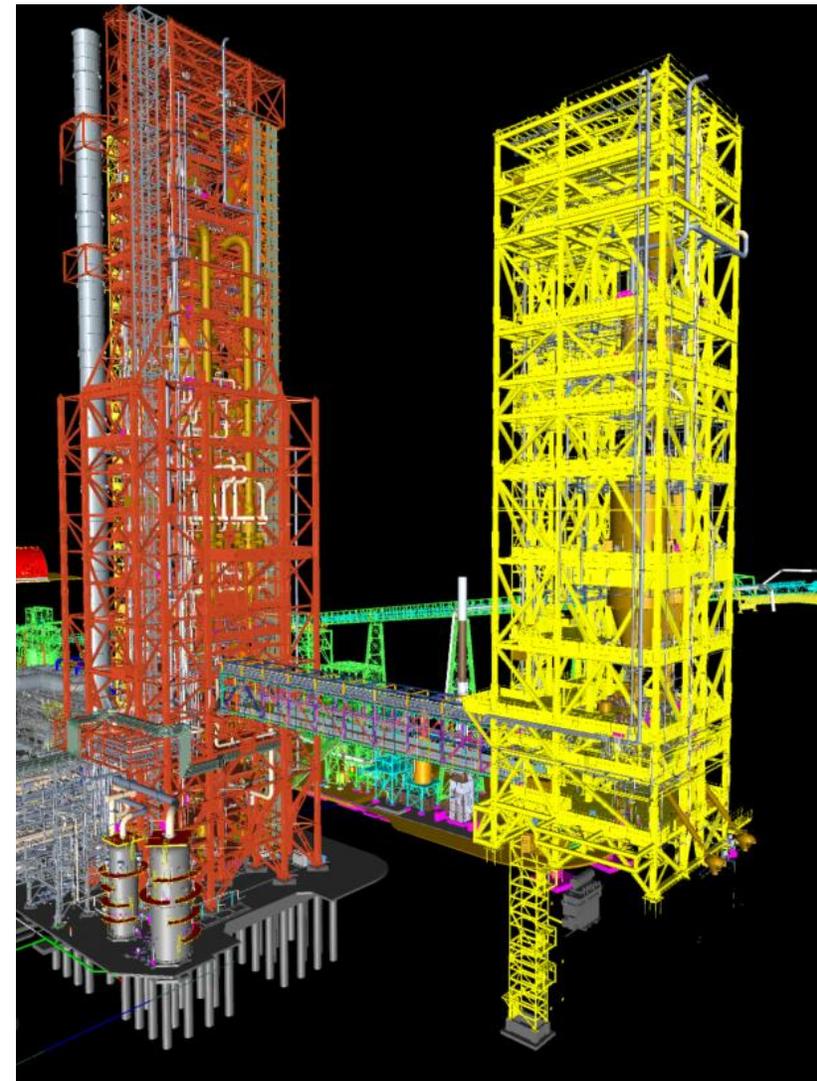


# DRI Plant – HYTEMP®

Real operating data at  
Suez Steel  
**HOT DRI T > 600°C**



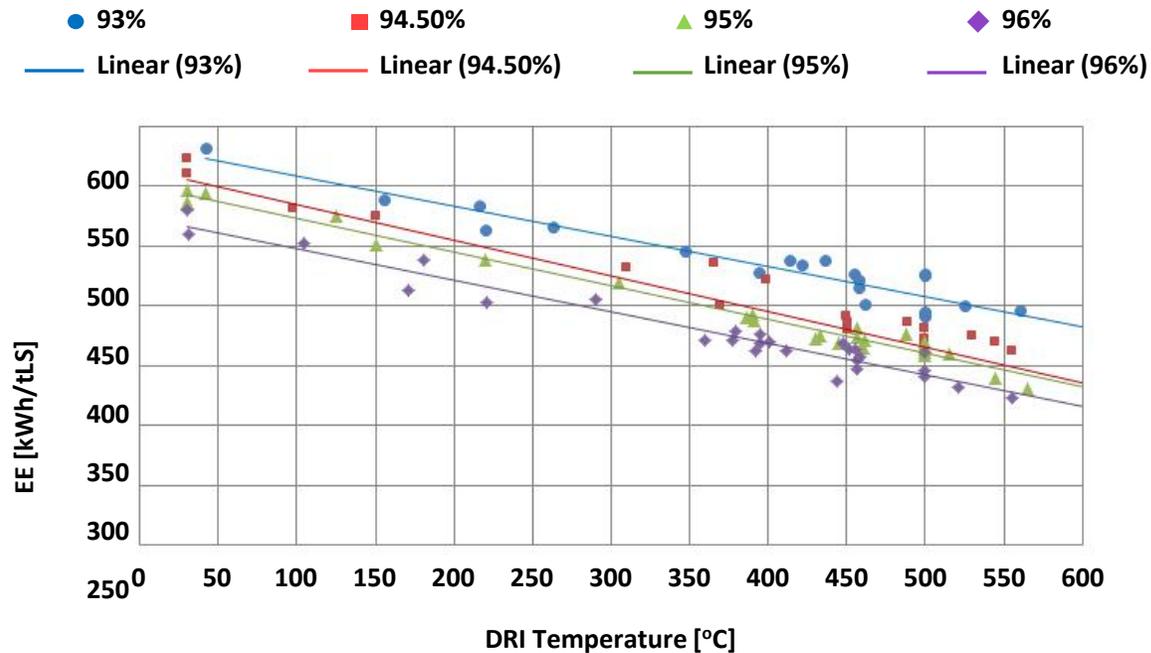
# HDRI – HYTEMP Tower and Feeding to EAF



# Hot DRI - Properties

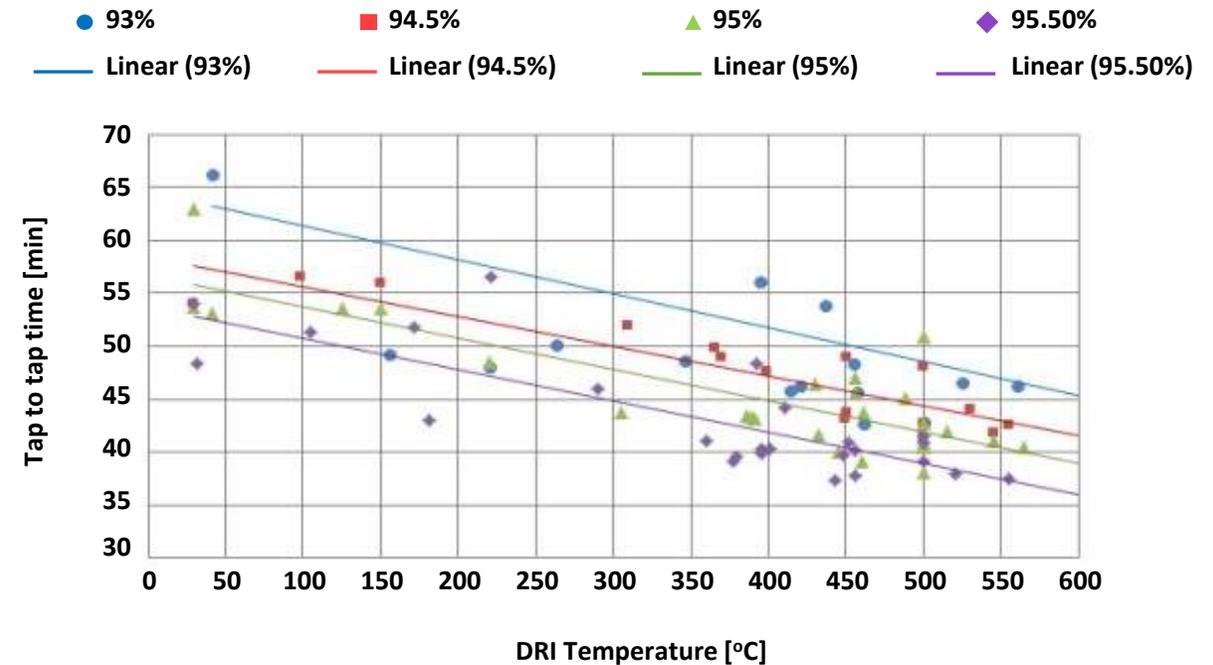
Real operating data at **Emirates Steel**

### EL. ENERGY CONSUMPTION WITH CDRI/HDRI BALANCE IN THE EAF CHARGE



**ELECTRIC ENERGY SAVED: 26 kwh/t<sub>LS</sub>**  
Saved for every 100°C increase in dri temperature

### TAP-TO-TAP TIME WITH CDRI/HDRI BALANCE IN THE EAF CHARGE



**PRODUCTIVITY INCREASE: 5%** more productivity  
for every 100°C increase in dri temperature

# DRI Plant – DRI Cooler

## DRI COOLER



### DRI COOLER:

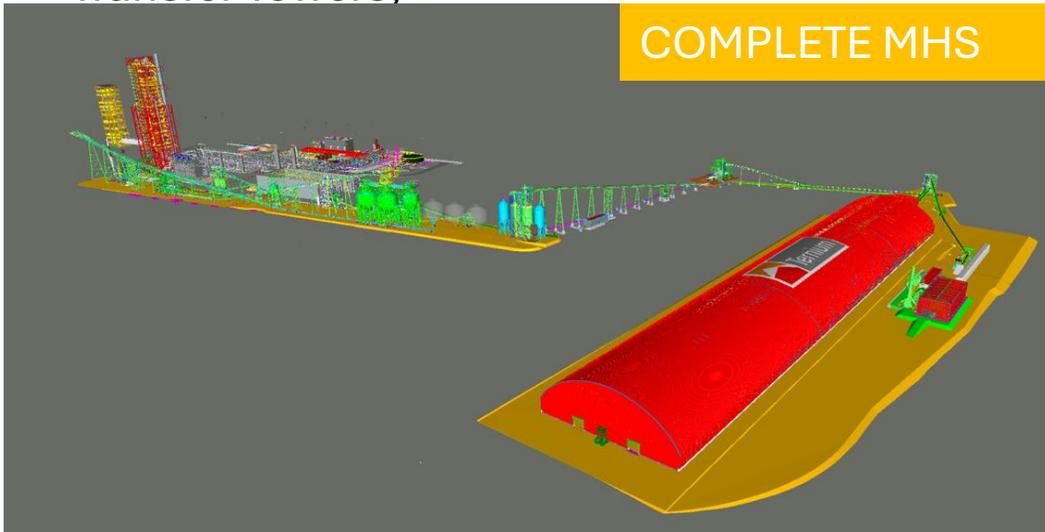
- Main data:
  - Total Height: ~31 meters
  - Internal diameter: ~6.0 meters
  - Weight: ~260 tons
- Shipped in one single piece
- Lifted in one single piece

# DRI Plant – Material Handling

**MHS for the complete DRP Plant, Iron Oxide Pellets (IOP) and Cold DRI (CDRI) including:**

- #1 Train Car Dumper;
- #2 Boom Buckets Stacker-Reclaimer;
- Daily Bins and CDRI Silos;
- Screen Towers;
- Conveyors System including Pipe Conveyor;
- Transfer Towers;

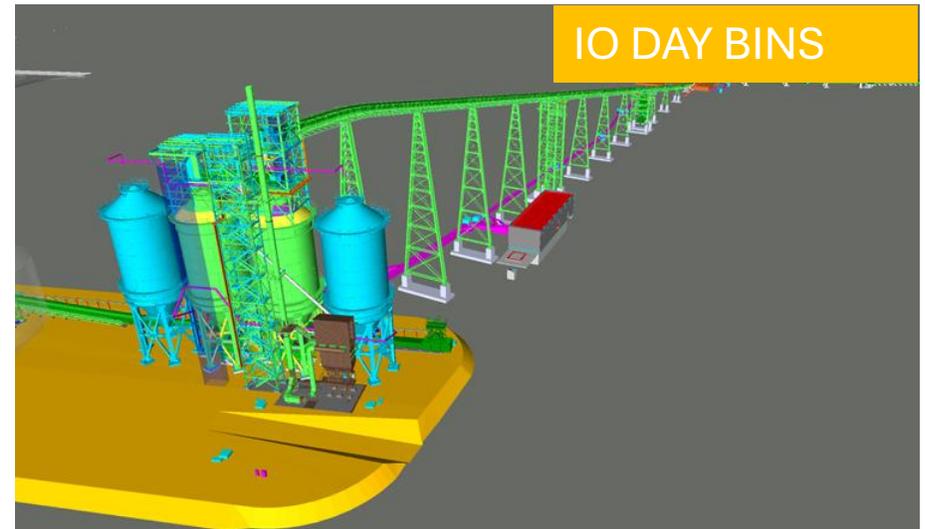
COMPLETE MHS



CDRI SILOS



IO DAY BINS



# CDRI - Storage

## Cold DRI Handling System consisting of:

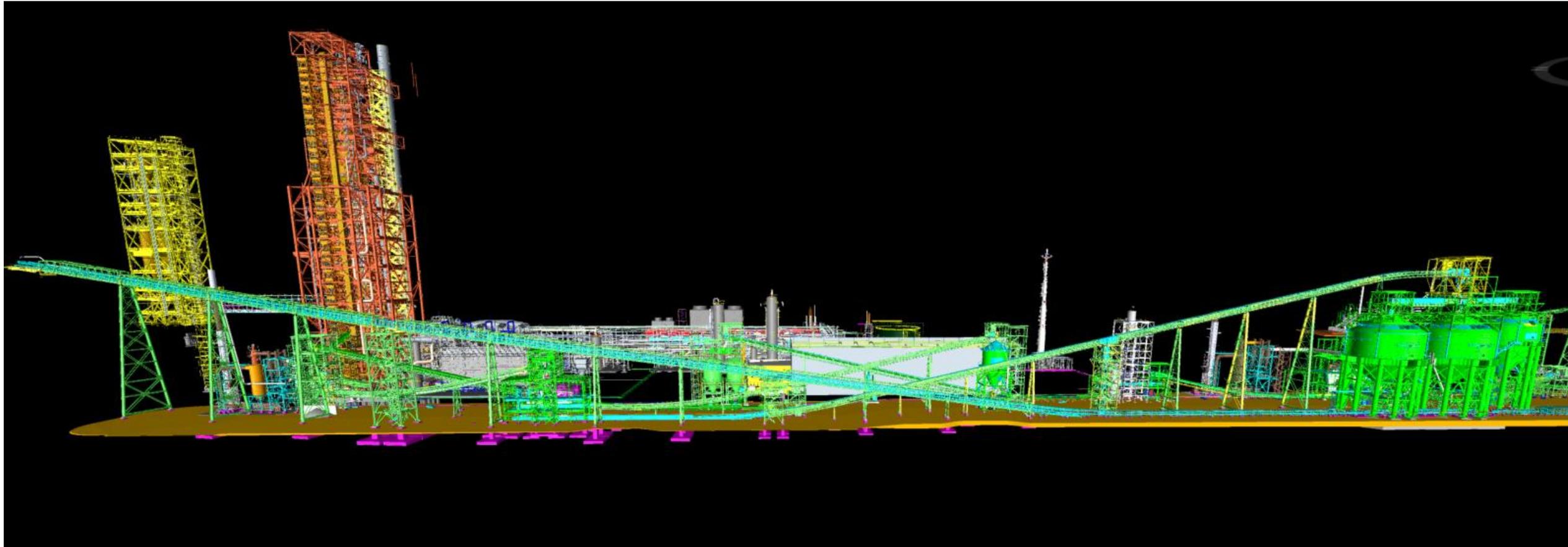
- Conveying System
- Vibrating Screens (two)
- CDRI Silos (two), with inert gas purging
- CDRI Sampling System
- CDRI fines handling System (conveyors, bins)



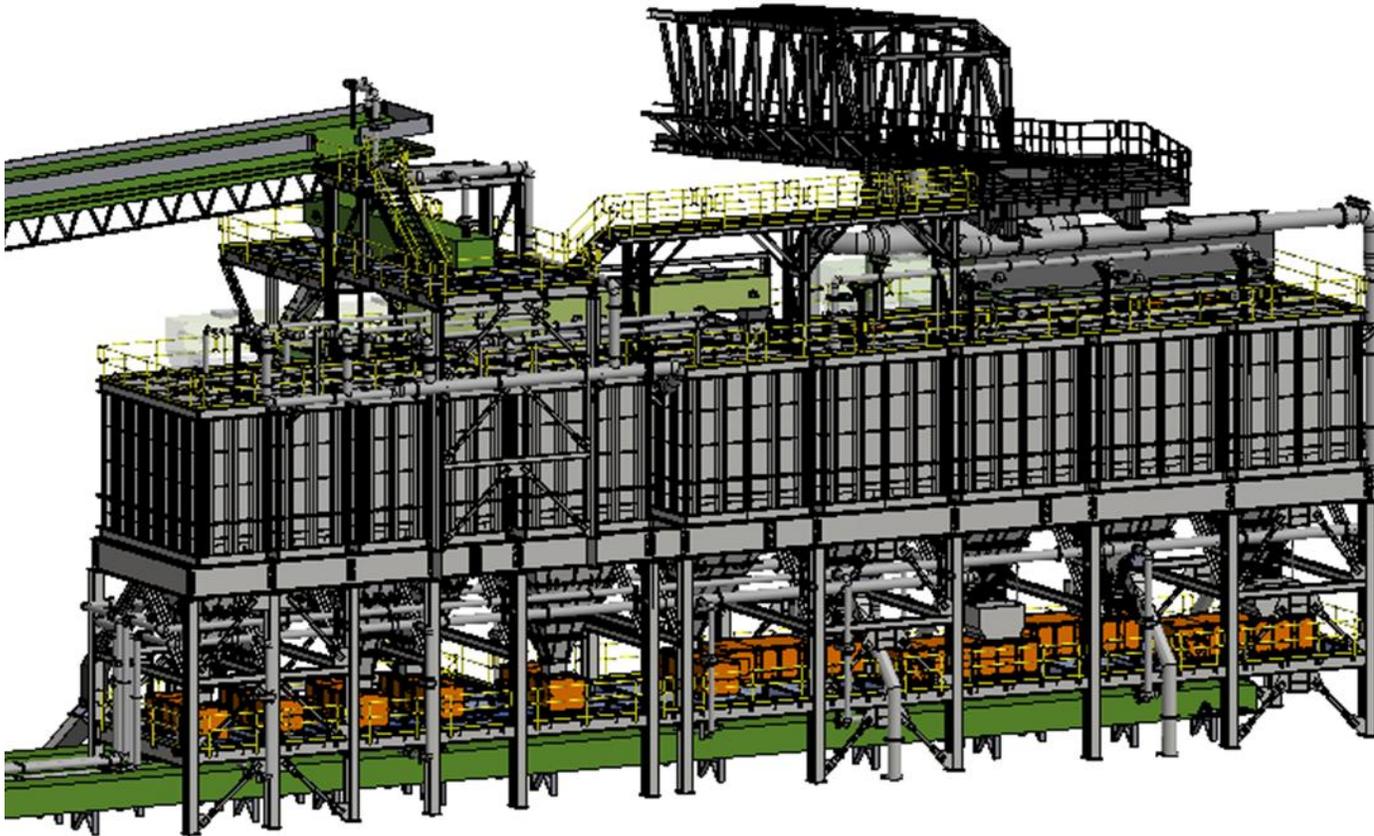
## The CDRI Storing and Handling system takes into consideration key design aspects for safety assurance, such as:

- Layout with the minimum possible transfer towers to minimize the degradation of the material (fines generation). Transfer tower design with optimized free fall heights.
- Proper use of inert gas ( $N_2$ ) in the silos to avoid the risk of re-oxidation (and self-ignition of the metallized product).
- CDRI Temperature monitoring at different locations.

# CDRI - Transport to Day Bins



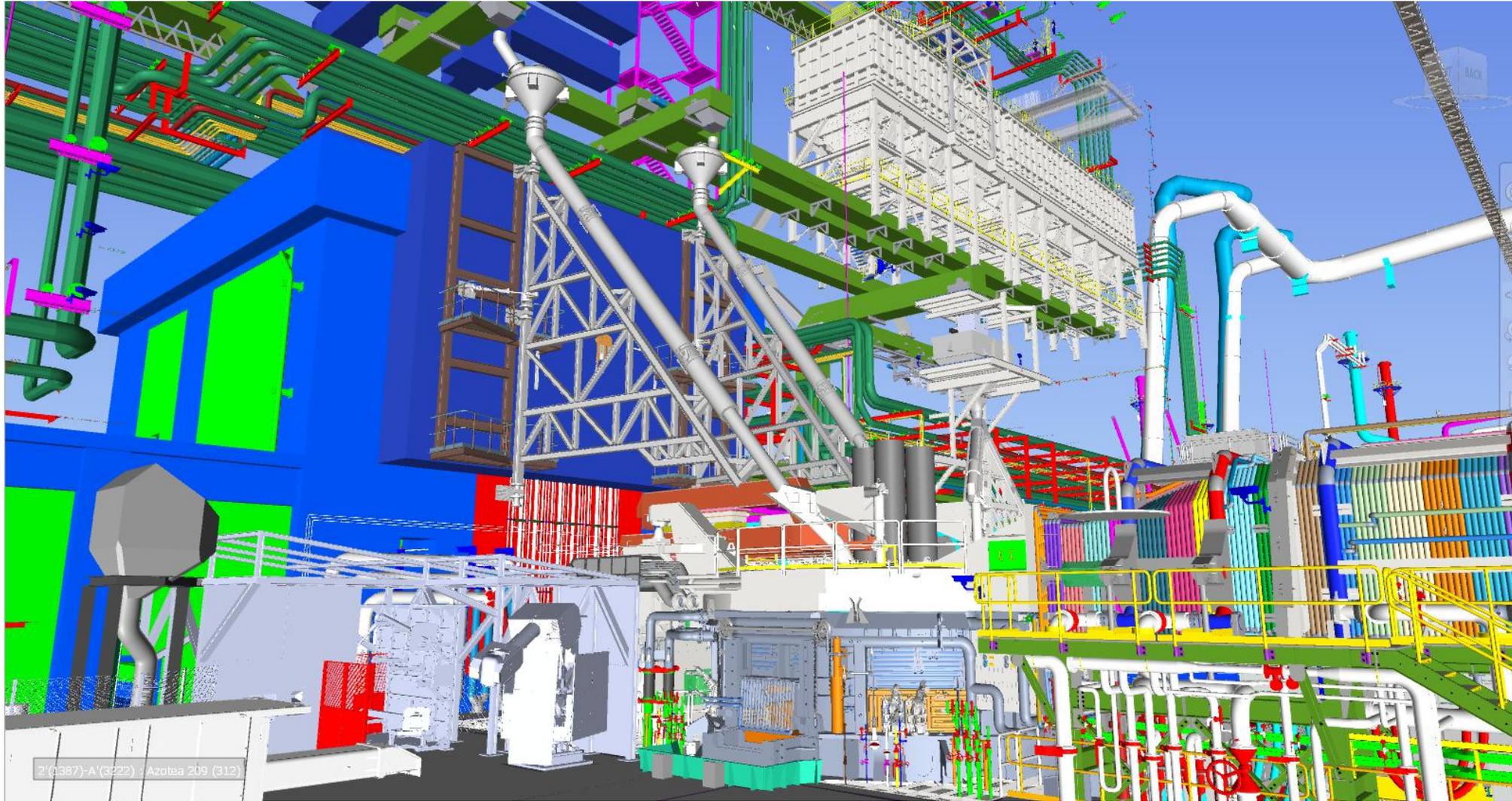
# CDRI – Day Bins



## MAIN CHARACTERISTICS:

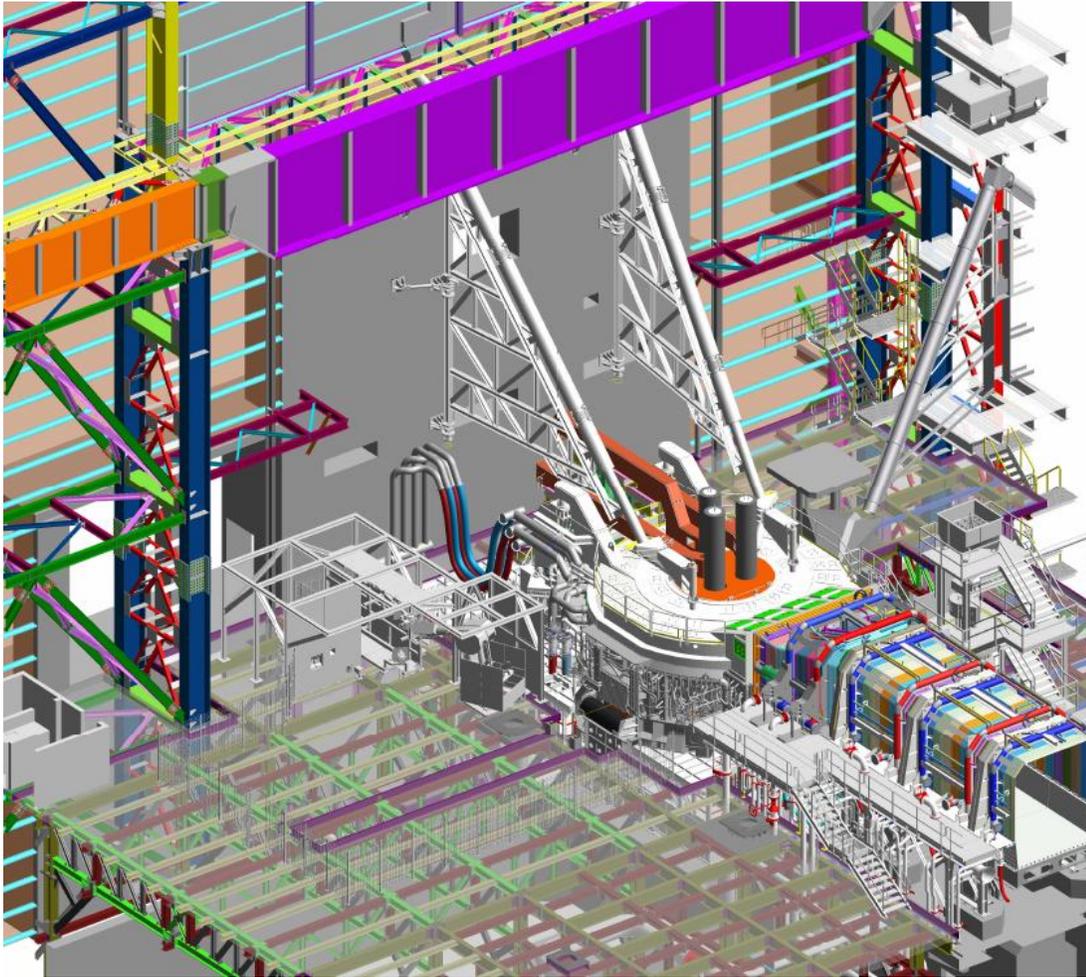
- Four (4) 100 m<sup>3</sup> CDRI Bins
  - Level control
  - Temperature control
  - Nitrogen Purging
  - Emergency discharge chute
- Two (2) 100 m<sup>3</sup> Dolomite Bins
- Two (2) 50 m<sup>3</sup> Carbon Bins
- Two (2) 50 m<sup>3</sup> Lime Bins
- Two (2) Hi Temp Conveyors feeding EAF receiving hopper (Flow Rate per Conveyor 260 m<sup>3</sup>/hr)

# CDRI –Feeding to EAF

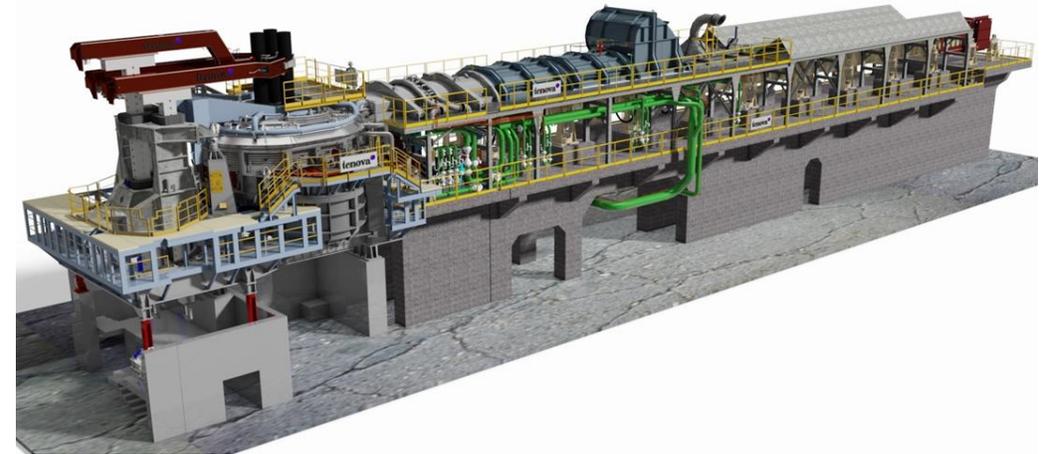


# Consteel® EAF Characteristics

## MAIN CONSTEEL EAF DATA



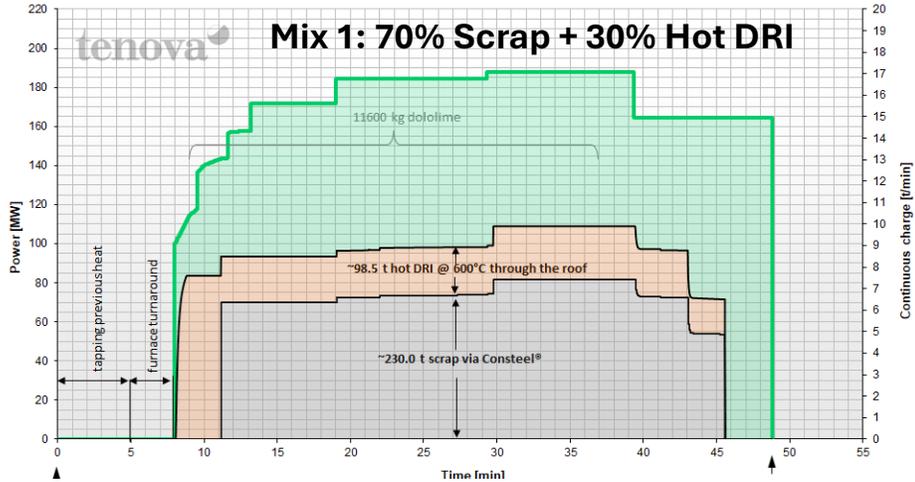
PRODUCTION:	<b>2,750,000 tls per year</b>
PRODUCTIVITY:	<b>up to 385 tls per hour</b>
CAPACITY:	300 tls +140 tls = <b>440 tls</b>
EAF DIAMETER:	9100 mm
EAF TRANSFORMER:	<b>270 MVA</b>
CONVEYOR LENGHT:	approx. 110 m



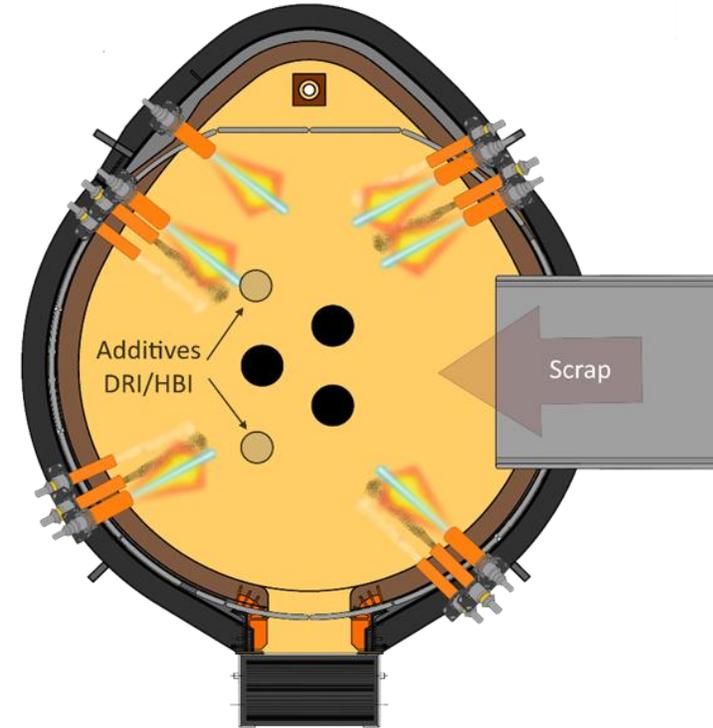
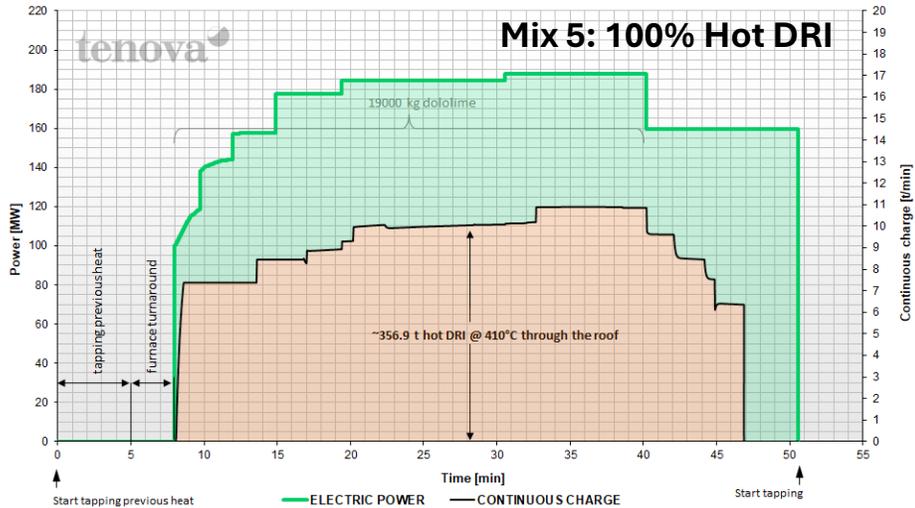
# Melting Process

## FLEXIBILITY MATTERS

ELECTRIC POWER AND CHARGING PROFILE



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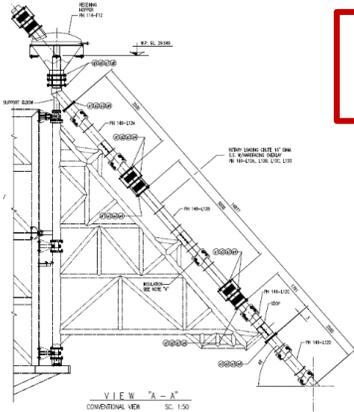


## INJECTION SYSTEM:

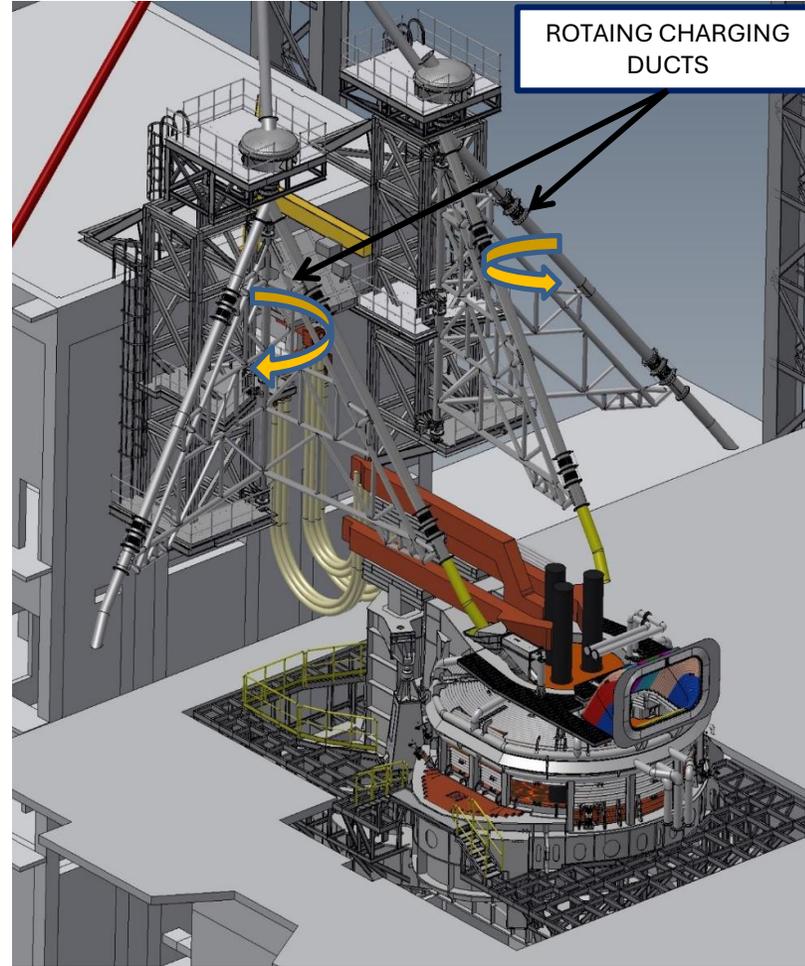
- 6 x TENOVA KT Oxygen lances (5,000 Nm<sup>3</sup>/h, 13 bar)
- 4 x TENOVA KT wall Carbon lances
- 4 x TENOVA KT wall Flux lances

# EAF - DRI Charging

## HOT AND COLD DRI FEEDING



up to 7 t/min  
per chute



## CONCEPTS

- DRI melts on the surface, therefore feeding in the EAF hot spots is optimal
- The AC EAF solution is ideal to maintain short arc and concentrate the power at slag/bath interface, where DRI melts.
- With high DRI feed rates, one single feed point is not enough to avoid ferrobergs.
- Two charging chutes allows even distribution of the DRI and facilitates high melting rates.

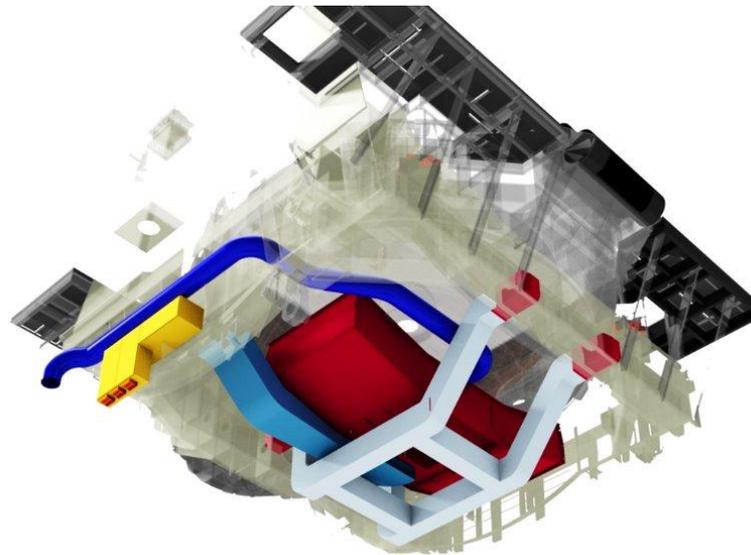
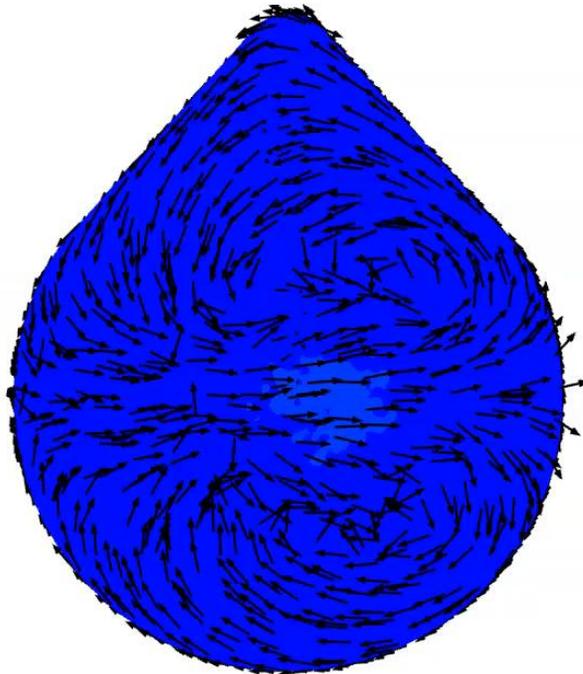
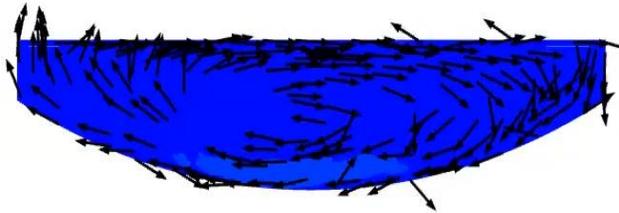
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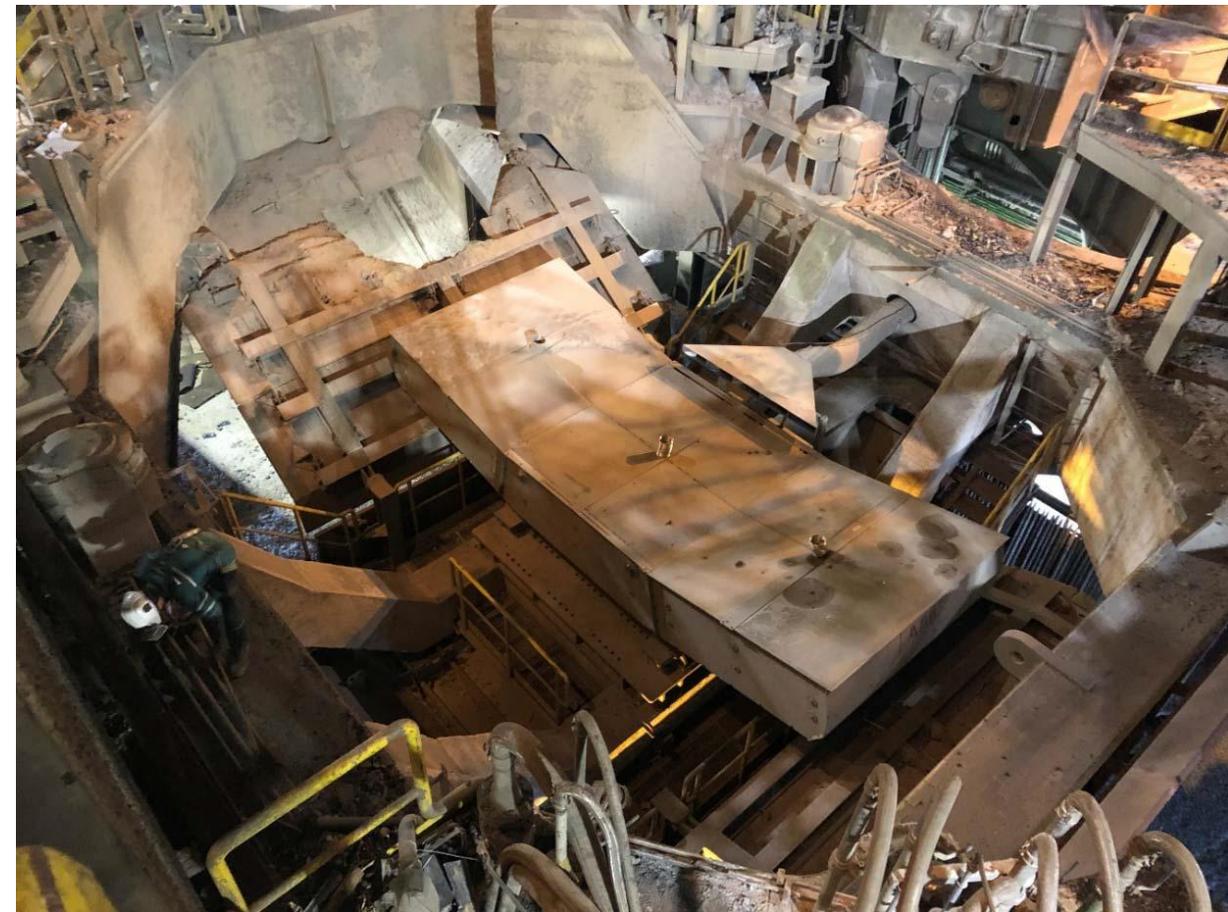
- %FeO reduction in slag by approx. **10%**
- Increase metallic charge yield by **0.5 - 0.75%**
- **Slag** reduction by approx. **10 - 15%**
- Electrical energy saving of **3 - 4%**
- **AO** in liquid approx. **-10%**, less **killing additives** and inclusions
- Increased steel-slag interaction, increased P removal

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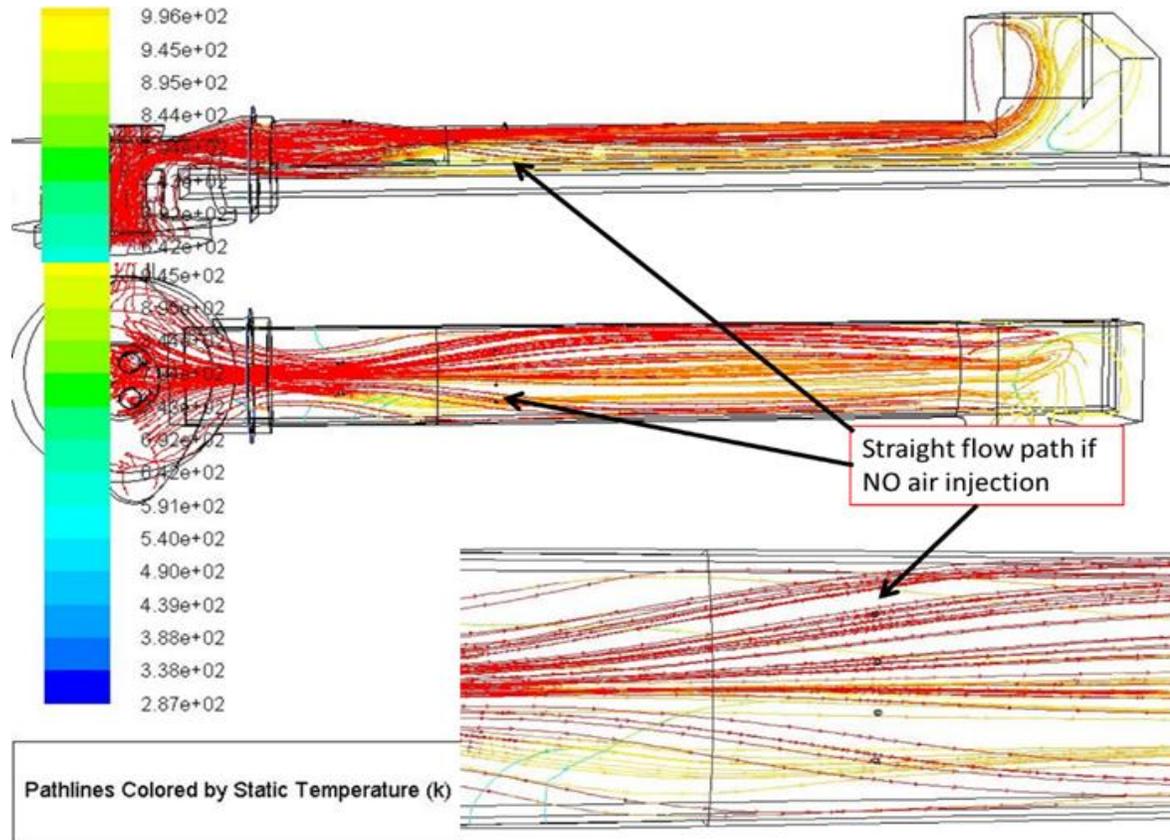
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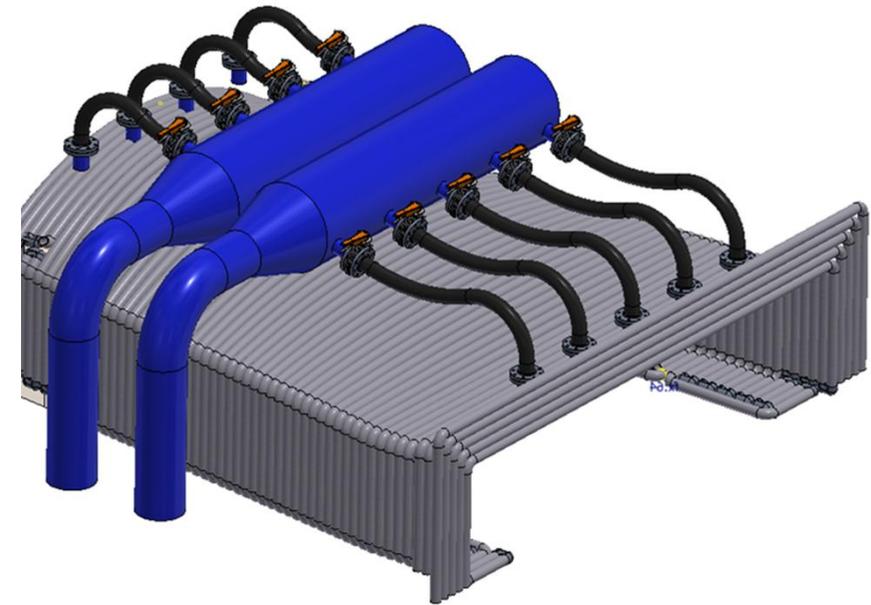
# Consteel® - Air Jet Turbulators

POST-COMBUSTION OF EAF OFF GASSES IN THE CONSTEEL PREHEAT TUNNEL



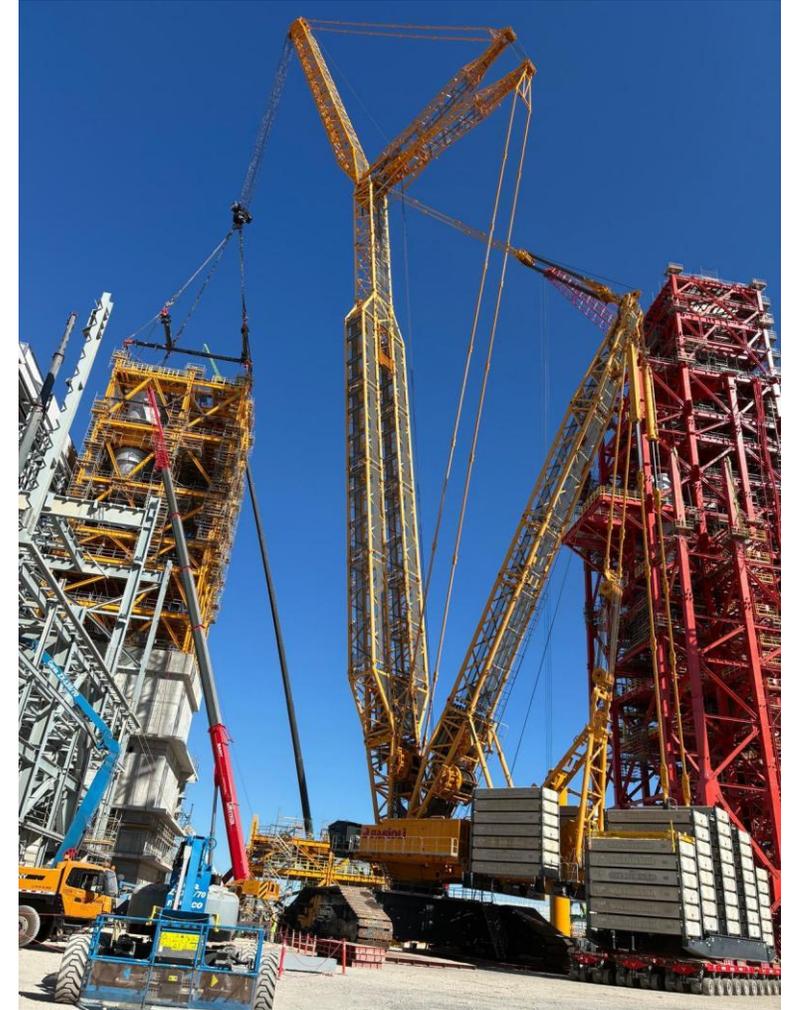
**Improve performances, reduce emissions.**

- Increase turbulence without reducing reliability
- Improved combustion of CO
- Improved heat exchange



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## VIEWS FROM THE SITE



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