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Tenova receives the Acceptance Certificate for heat treatment furnace supplied to VALLOUREC & MANNESMANN (Germany).

Düsseldorf, July 5, 2010. VALLOUREC & MANNESMANN TUBES Deutschland GmbH has issued the Acceptance Certificate for the heat treatment furnace installed in Düsseldorf-Rath modernized by TENOVA LOI Italimpianti. The hardening furnace in the 26" heat treatment line has a nominal capacity of 50 t/h of pipes with different diameters and thickness heated up to approx 950 °C. The furnace profile has been changed according the newest experiences for this type of installation. The combustion system has been modernized by installing of LOW-NOx-High-Speed-Burners above and below the charge, designed for running with natural gas and preheated air. A modern control system DCS type has been installed. After 3 weeks of shut down the furnace has been put in production earlier than scheduled. All the performance figures (heat consumption, temperature uniformity increase of production rate, reduction of the pollutant emissions, etc.) have been reached or have been better than guaranteed.

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