
Downsizing deals - Workers recalled at Hibbing Taconite plant

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AP reported that more steelworkers are returning to Hibbing Taconite as the idled plant prepares for an April restart.

Mr Frank Jenko president of United Steelworkers Local 2705 has confirmed that more workers are back. He said that by mid March the majority if not all of Hibbing Taconite's 540 hourly employees should be back.

As per him, the plan is to restart production during the first week of April, with all three lines running by the end of next month.

Mr Jenko said that production this year is expected to reach 5.4 million tonnes, which is capacity for the months of April through December.

It may be noted that HibTac has been idle since May 2009. Workers started returning to the taconite plant in January 2010.

(Sourced from Associated Press)

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