
Samara launches new coating line for aluminum sheet

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Alcoa Russia's Samara Plant on June 24th commissioned a new state of the art coating line for production of high quality coated sheet used in the packaging market for aluminum soft drink and beer cans as well as serving the building and construction markets. The new coating line is the only one of its kind in Russia and raises Alcoa to the worldwide leadership position in all aspects of can material production capability.

The Samara Plant is the only can stock producer in Russia and will serve can manufacturers in Russia as well as customers across Europe. The creation of the new production line, is an example of world-class manufacturing being installed under Russian leadership and significantly raises the capabilities of the manufacturing operation.

Mr Helmut Wieser executive vice president of Alcoa and Group President for Flat Rolled Products said that "This is a major milestone in the long history of our Samara plant a milestone that will ultimately generate hundreds of millions of dollars for the country over its life and create enormous value for Alcoa our customers, employees and the region as a whole."

Mr Wieser said that "Until now, our Samara plant has manufactured only aluminum can stock for can bodies. With the commissioning of this new state-of-the-art equipment, the Samara plant will be able to fully meet the demand of the Russian market in all three types of can stock required for production of aluminum cans: can body stock, end and tab stock. This allows customers the opportunity and efficiencies of obtaining their needs locally as well as all in one place."

Mr Wieser added that "In addition to benefiting our overall business, our customers in Russia will benefit from local supply and likely will invest more here in Russia. Our investment is a win-win-win for the country, the Samara region, and our customers. This new production line adds to the more than 6,000 people we already employ here, and will ultimately result in many more indirect jobs. In addition, the plant will also now have the capability to produce painted sheet used in architectural structures, expanding this plant's capabilities even further."

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