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Wider range of long products

## New investments at Valbruna Slater Stainless in Fort Wayne, USA

SSI produces, in stainless steel and allovs. round, hexagonal and square bars in a variety of sizes, grades, finishes and heat treatments, that serve

Valbruna Slater Stainless Inc (VSSI), acquired in 2004 by the Italian family-owned company Acciaierie Valbruna SpA, and Valbruna Stainless Inc, constitute, respectively, Valbruna's production facility, and the sales and distribution network, in North America.



allows Valbruna to produce round bars and RCS billets.

The continued investments in new equipment and new product development, made in every year of its 12-year existence, have helped VSSI to increase its production capability and capacity to meet the growing demand in the USA for stainless steel and nickel alloys.

Among the recent investments, the most important equipment acquired includes a straightening and peeling line, complete with non-destructive testing units, which involve phasedarray technology, the latest

aerospace, automotive, and industrial equipment manufacturers, as well as companies in energy and power generation, screw machine, oil and gas, chemical processing, construction, armaments and the biomedical industry.

## **Continuous** investment

The rolling mill is the core part of this plant that





their inventory management. In addition, Valbruna Slater will increase its ability to offer high quality products capable of meeting stringent requirements for enhanced machining applications and tight tolerances.

available technology for ultrasonic testing of materials, and in addition two vacuum arc remelting (VAR) furnaces, an electro-slag remelting furnace (ESR), and the expansion of its testing laboratory, transforming it into a two-storey 16,000 sq ft building. The laboratory was subsequently NAD-CAP certified.

## New products and shorter lead times

Valbruna Slater Stainless Inc has now enhanced its





capabilities by offering a wider range of peeled rounds, cold drawn rounds, hexagons and cold drawn square bars.

This wider production capability will allow the company and its US distribution network to offer a premier and versatile product with shortened lead times to better assist the customers with satisfying their demand forecast and

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