

## Business

### \* Tokyo Steel

Japanese steel manufacturer Tokyo Steel has equipped its new facility at Tahara with a 360-tonnes-per-hour steel plant from Italian producer Tenova, the highest installed capacity Consteel plant in the world. The giant system has been coupled with an electric arc furnace of 300 tonnes nominal tapping capacity and 420 tonnes total capacity. The plant at Tahara will be producing 2.5 million tonnes of steel per annum.

[www.tokysteel.com](http://www.tokysteel.com)

### \* Envio

The dispute between Envio Recycling and the German government relating to PCB-contaminated soils at the firm's yard in Dortmund has ended in the insolvency of the Envio division. The Envio AG subsidiary recycled PCB-contaminated industrial transformers but operations have been idled since May this year when high concentrations of PCBs were discovered.

[www.envio-recycling.com](http://www.envio-recycling.com)

### \* MAC SA

Battery manufacturing and recycling firm MAC SA has formed a joint venture with the world's largest battery producer Johnson Controls to sell lead acid batteries to South America. Colombian firm MAC operates a recycling facility at Yumbo which currently recycles 30 000 tonnes of lead - or 3 million batteries - per year. The joint venture with MAC is designed to strengthen Johnson's position to sell and recycle its lead acid batteries for the South American market.

[www.mac.com.co](http://www.mac.com.co)

### \* Upstate Shredding

In the USA, Pennsylvania-based Towanda Iron & Metal has been acquired by rapidly-expanding scrap processor Upstate Shredding-Ben Weitsman. Current President and owner Brad Aronson will manage the facility, which will be renamed Ben Weitsman of Towanda and which is earmarked for a major renovation and equipment upgrade. Plans include building a new steel warehouse, paving the entire yard and installing new truck weighbridges, cranes, mobile metal cutting shears, loading machines and trucks/roll-off containers.

[www.upstateshredding.com](http://www.upstateshredding.com)

### \* Sims Metal Management

A subsidiary of recycler Sims Metal Management, Sims Group Australia Holdings Ltd, will purchase the assets of Commercial Metal Recycling Services (CMRS). CMRS operates eight yards across Queensland, Australia, collecting about 84,000 tonnes of ferrous and non-ferrous scrap annually. The company is a good fit for Sims, because of its diverse geographic footprint, the world's largest recycler comments.

[www.simsmm.com](http://www.simsmm.com)

### \* Alumelt

Aluminium manufacturer Alumelt is developing Austria's first secondary aluminium melting plant in the region of Steiermark. Around 20 000 tonnes of scrap will be treated on an annual basis at the company's premises in Eisenerz. The Euro 8 million venture will become operational in May 2011.

[www.alumelt.com](http://www.alumelt.com)

### \* Janssen Recycling

Netherlands-based Janssen Recycling Group has established a new local division in the town of Tiel. The new daughter company is named Janho Recycling and will deliver scrap metal to Janssen's premises in Venlo. Currently Janssen is processing about 150,000 tonnes of scrap metal per year, being one of the Netherlands largest recycling and trading firms.

[www.janssenrecycling.com](http://www.janssenrecycling.com)

## Refrigerator recycling first for South America

South America's first plant dedicated to recycling refrigerators has opened its doors in the Brazilian city of Cabreúva thanks to a collaborative venture involving Switzerland-based SENS International - a non-profit foundation focusing on climate protection - as well as the Co-op supermarket chain and other stakeholders. The Euro 8.8 million recycling facility has the capability to process 400 000 refrigerators per annum and features a significant proportion of machinery delivered by Untha Recycling Machinery of Austria.

[www.industriafox.com.br](http://www.industriafox.com.br)



## Major takeover in Russian scrap market

**One of Russia's leading steel** companies Novolipetsk Steel (NLMK) has taken over Moscow-based VMI Recycling Group from a shareholder grouping for a total of US\$ 28.4 million.

VMI's operations include four sites in the Moscow region boasting modern scrap collection and processing facilities, including a new Metso Lindemann shredder, which enables the company to process up to 500 000 tonnes of ferrous scrap per year.

The acquisition process started in 2009 and is in line with NLMK's vertical integration strategy aimed at enhancing

the group's self-sufficiency in leading raw materials. NLMK President Alexey Lapshin. 'This region has substantial growth potential. As a result, we will be able to ensure efficient integration both with the group's existing production facilities and with the Kaluga mini-mill, scheduled for launch in 2012. In the long term, we are planning to grow VMI's scrap processing capacities.' According to latest data provided by Russian Railways, Moscow and the Moscow region account for around 12% of the country's total scrap collections.

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