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In June 2005 Magaldi Power S.p.A and Allen-Sherman-Hoff (A-S-H), a division of Diamond Power International, Inc., signed a licensing agreement for the design and supply of the Magaldi dry-bottom ash extraction system (the MAC® System) in the United States. Ilen-Sherman-Hoff is a division of Diamond Power International, Inc. a McDermott Company. Since its formation in 1921, Allen-

Sherman-Hoff has been a worldwide leader in the design, manufacture and supply of ash handling systems and services for utility and industrial applications. Today its ash handling references in the U.S. total more than 2.000 installations. The addition of the Magaldi MAC® System expands A-S-H's broad range of services and material handling products. Diamond Power International, Inc. is the leading name in the design, manufacture and service of ash-handling and boiler-cleaning systems, knowledge-based control systems, and boiler diagnostic, sensor and imaging technology. Diamond Power International, Inc., headquartered in Lancaster, Ohio, U.S.A., has more than 80 field sales, service support, distribution, and manufacturing locations worldwide.

Magaldi Power S.p.A., is part of the

Magaldi Group and is a provider of Magaldi's dry bottom ash handling systems for solid fuel-fired boilers used in the power generating industry. Its main products are the MAC®- Magaldi Ash Cooler for pulverized coal utility boilers and the FLUIMAC system for fluidized bed combustion boilers. Magaldi Power operates worldwide through a network of representatives and partnerships.

Magaldi and Allen-Sherman-Hoff have a well established presence in the industry. Their activities started in the 1920's, and since that time, both companies have acquired and maintained an international reputation as quality system designers and manufacturers. "We are excited about the addition of the MAC® System to our product portfolio. It will enable us to offer customers the most comprehensive line of ash-handling solutions for their specific applications," said Stephen Scott, General Manager, A-S-H Engineered Systems.

Spain

In the green Asturias, an environmental ash handling choice in Aboño P.P.

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Many efforts have been dedicated to this aim particularly for gaseous emissions. Liquid effluents as well have to be taken under control and possibly reduced.

To cope with such an high standard of requirements new technologies have to be developed, especially in these days where high oil and gas price is paying the way to the return of coal. In the Spanish coal fired power plant of Aboño, owned by Hidroelectrica del Cantábrico, a project has been carried out to eliminate completely the use of water in bottom ash handling and, at the same time, to determine a recovery of energy, by retrofitting the existing "sluice to decanting pool" wet bottom ash system with the Magaldi MAC® dry extraction and cooling technology.

Hidroelectrica del Cantábrico is one of Spain's leading utilities, providing electricity to more than 550,000 customers and natural gas to nearly 530,000 customers; the company also operates about 2,600 MW of electric generating power capacity. Aboño Power Plant is located in the valley with the same name, between the cities of Gijón and Carreño, at approx. 30 km west of the first, and it is linked trough a conveyor belt to the Aboño Coal Plant.

Its proximity to the Aceralia factory in Veriña, facilitates Aboño's use of the iron and steel gas surplus proceeding from it. It consists of two units with a power of 360 and 543 MW, and it uses imported and domestic coal as fuel, mainly from the central coal field of Asturias, and gas surpluses from blast furnace and coke batteries.



ect, is a 543 MW power rated system, with a Foster Wheeler natural circulaof overheated steam.

the following main benefits and operational improvements:

- elimination of the water in the bot-
- increase of bottom ash system relia-
- improving of boiler efficiency;
- possible reuse of pulverized bottom and maintenance costs.

• potential CO₂ emission saving. ash handling at the power plant were

the client management, leading to a ers and mixers. "green light" decision for the project. From the environmental point of view,

and treatment and by increasing ash market possibility, avoiding ash disposal, will give an invaluable contrition boiler, able to produce 1725 t/h bution to environmental amelioration, which in Asturias, beautiful region of The MAC® project has been focused on Spain able to attract million of tourists for its natural beauties, will er to trucks. be very much appreciated.

> Other decisional factors for this project were also given by the boiler efficiency increase and from MAC® system expected improved reliability, reduced auxiliary power consumption

The existing bottom ash system for Initial conditions of the wet bottom impounded hoppers, which have been causing high operation and maintenance costs for the ash handling. expected performance of the dry tech- The Magaldi supply is composed as fol-The results obtained were evaluated by ers, bucket elevators, silos, vibrofeed-

The ash is extracted, collected and crushed by the MAC® extractor and the the elimination of any water discharge primary crusher. Downstream there are two bucket elevators installed that convey the crushed ash to two steel silos (total capacity 300 mc) in order to store the dry crushed ash.

The discharge of each silo is carried out by a vibro feeder and related mix-

Magaldi's MAC[®] dry technology is expected to improve plant operations, reduce the overall cost for ash handling, eliminating the use of water and making Aboño a better place to work and the surrounding locations a better place to live.

Italy ENEL Torrevaldaliga repowering project

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Enel is Italy's largest power utility, with more than 42,000 MW installed in the country, and with plans to increase this generation capacity with the development of new power generating stations, not only within Italy but in other countries as well.



entire ENEL production comes from almost 600 power plants, distributed all over Italy, the majority of which are producing power from renewable sources.

The great care of ENEL towards the environment is reflected in the design choices made for Torrevaldaliga Nord repowering project, located some 50 km northwest of Rome near the town of Civitavecchia on the Tyrrhenian sea. and since 1986, year of the four units start up, has been considered one of the most important thermal power station in Italy with a total generation power capacity of 2640 MWe.

Enel, for this plant, has decided to replace its four oil-fired systems with three coal fired supercritical units. having the aim of attaining higher generating efficiency with the use of the most updated technologies for a clean use of the coal.

The solutions used for this project, responding to strict parameters for quality, innovation and environmental protection, have procured to ENEL the award of one of the most important recognition in the international energy sector for the clean coal reconversion, the Power-Gen Award for Technological Innovation 2005

The new Torrevaldaliga Nord station will have a capacity of 1980 MWe, with a plant efficiency net increase, passing from the old 39% to an excellent 45%. The more efficient production will be attained with environmental low impact technologies: the emissions control will be extremely tight, with emissions of NOx. SOx and particles well below the international standard limits.

Also CO₂ production of the entire plant will be reduced by a -17,8%, in line with ENEL commitment to the Kyoto protocol requirement.

Liquid effluents from the power station



will be also strongly reduced, with the strong commitment that not a single drop of waste or process water will be discharged from the plant into the sea. In this optic, the elimination of water in the extraction and cooling of bottom ash has been made possible by the use of a Magaldi MAC® system, the dry bottom ash system designed and manufactured by Magaldi Power.

The hot ashes, falling from the supercritical boiler having a steam production of 1918 t/h, will be transported at a rate of approx. 7 t/h and cooled down by the MAC® extractor; ashes will then be crushed, milled and transported to a storage silo by mean of a pneumatic transportation. The dry ash could then be discharged in trucks, for a potential sale as by product in the cement industry.

The application of the MAC® system in the three units of Torrevaldaliga will allow the achievement of the following benefits:

- · Removal of water from the bottom ash process, in line with the power station environmental criteria.
- · Possibility to reuse the bottom ash

into the production cycle, instead of disposing it into the environment. The recycling of bottom ash in the cement will allow the cement plant to save a considerable amount of CO₂, which is given by the production of corresponding quantity of cement. • Operational cost savings in terms of improved efficiency of the boiler, lower maintenance costs and bottom ash system reliability; this improvement will consent also a reduction of CO₂ emission from the plant. Magaldi Power will supply the three

MAC® units to Ansaldo Caldaie, in charge with their consortium partner Babcock-Hitachi of the supply of the three supercritical boilers. The commercial operation of the first unit is scheduled on June 2008 while the other units will be operated after the first

commissioning, within few months. The order from Ansaldo is marking a confirmed trust of ENEL in Magaldi MAC® technology and their good overall evaluation of all the other MAC® systems supplied by Magaldi to ENEL, serving almost all their coal fired units in Italy. With the acquisition of Torrevaldaliga repowering project Magaldi Power once again confirms its presence in the world bottom ash market with a more referenced approach to power development projects in Europe and the rest of the world.





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The Baoshan experience

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In March 2005 Magaldi Power was awarded for the MAC® retrofitting of Unit # 1 of the 3x350 MW Baoshan power plant Units.

aoshan power plant provides electricity to the entire Baosteel complex in southern Shanghai area. A client like Baosteel is a client to be proud of for Magaldi: the biggest iron and steel producer in China, currently

ranking second among the top 100 listed companies in this country. In 2005, World Steel Dynamics has identified 23 companies as World Class Steel Makers based on their comprehensive competition, and Baosteel ranked the third position.

Such a top of the world company, like Baosteel is, could only chose a top of the world dry bottom ash extraction system, like the MAC® system is. The logic consequence was that the contract for the retrofitting of the first Unit was signed in Shanghai in March 2005

Given the thigh timeframe available for the supply of the equipment, the performance required from Magaldi factory had to be an impressive one. And it was. The MAC® extractor, the Post Cooler and all the side equipment were

ready for boarding at Naples seaport as early as August 14th, 2005. The exact day our Customer required.

The complete installation is going to be completed by late November 2005 and is due to substitute the existing water impounded hoppers.

The outstanding performance achieved persuaded Baosteel to grant Magaldi with the order for the retrofitting of the next Unit, the # 3, well before the installation of the first Unit was completed. The new agreement has been signed in September 2005 and the installation will start in March 2006. The contract for the last Unit # 2, is

due to be signed in January 2006 with the relevant equipment to be delivered on September 2006.

The complete MAC® retrofitting of all the Units of Baoshan Power Plant will give its valuable contribution to the ambitious "zero water discharge" environmental goal Baosteel is willing to achieve for its Baoshan Power Plant.

The Magaldi post-cooler during erection under unit 3



The three units of Baosteel Power Station



Baosteel Reception Center



South Korea

Korean Market: first MAC[®] units shipped to TAEAN Power Plant (2x500 MWe)

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after 10 years of successful Licensee Agreenent with Kawasaki Heavy Industry Ltd. enjoying 5 orders from Japanese Market, decided to extend the agreement to the Republic of Korea for the new 5 projects (Dangjin 2 x 500 MW, Taean 2 x 500 MW, Poryong 2 x 500 MW, Hadong 2 x 500 MW, Yongheung 2 x 870 MW). The bottom ash dry technology has been specified in the General Technical Specification for four of those projects, meaning a strong change also in Korean conservative energy sector. Taean has been the first of the contracts expected from Korea awarded at the end of 2004 and the equipment has been recently shipped to Democratic Republic of Korea.

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Korea is a very large market for Magaldi's technology: 48 operating coal fired units for a total generation of 20,083 MW, and 10 boilers under con-

struction and planned, for an additional future total generation of 6,060 MW. After the introduction of MAC® technology, Magaldi Group has prepared a strategy to start the marketing activities for the exiting units and hopefully commencing the retrofit projects shortly. The benefits deriving from the large water saving, boiler efficiency increase, sale of bottom ash, safety in operation, reduction of O&M costs are very important and evident drivers for a short Return on Investment. The good understanding of the dry ash handling system by the five Korean Generation Companies and local companies involved in this business will lead in the short-medium term to the complete conversion of technology adopted for the bottom ash extraction.

The Taean Plant has been designed to withstand to the operating condition as per the client specification and in detail is composed by:



Mechanical Seal

- Bottom Ash Hopper with Bottom
 Doors
- MAC[®] Conveyor
- Primary Crusher
- Postcooler Conveyor

The plant is completed by Kawasaki Plant Systems Ltd. with special Rod Mills, to pulverize the bottom ash at the same size of the fly ash and mix the product together. The operating conditions are the following:

- Bottom Ash rate:Normal: 4 t/h
 Maximum: 12 t/h
- Storage time into the Ash Hopper:
 8 hrs
- Reduction of unburnt carbon content in Bottom Ash: <4%

The first trial operations on Unit #7 are forecasted to start on February 2006, six months later Unit #8 will commence operating as well. Magaldi Group looks forward those days confident in the full success of the operations as well as in all the installations world-wide. This will lead to a positive effect on the market that will quickly have confidence in the MAC® technology and start moving toward the conversion to dry bottom ash handling for the existing units as well.



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MAC[®]+MAR[®]: Magaldi integrated system

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n the last years the respect for the environment has become the main target for many powe world. At the pr time all the efforts are focused of duction (CO2, NO) sation of the ash considered a

problems are amplified ver plants provided with solid fuel fired boilers. Besides, some years ago here have been effected international the possible constituent of 197-1) and concretes e ash is can be ered as a source of useful bys sher

ified in the above mentioned standards. In order to reduce these environmental impacts and to make ash usable in cements or concretes, MAGA-DI has developed and patented a systo extract, cool and recycle to the combustion chamber, the ash ing from solid fuel fired boilers. his new system combines the $\operatorname{MAC}^{\otimes}$ (Magaldi Ash Cooler) System and its development, called MAR[®] (Magaldi Ash Recycling) System, resulting in an integrated MAC[®] + MAR[®] System. The MAC[®] System allows to extract, convey and cool the bottom ash of a solid fuel fired boiler in a completely "dry" way, while the MAR[®] System recycles into the combustion chamber

the dry bottom ash mixed with high unburned content fly as

MAR[®] SYSTEM WORKING CONCEPT

Dry extraction

and recycling of

costs reduction

of " by products"

bottom and fly ash,

and better valorization

Bearing the well known MAC® Syste working concept in mind, it is possil to focus on the MAR[®] System one. The MAR[®] System allows to recycle the "dry" bottom ash and the fly ash collected by the electrostatic precipitator (ESP) sections with the highest UBC (UnBurned Carbon) content.

The ash to be recycled is temporarily stored in a silo. Then, from this silo, the ash can be conveyed to the coal feeder level in two different ways:

- · Pneumatically, through different systems (vacuum, pressurized conveyance or using ejectors)
- · Mechanically, through suitable MAG-ALDI conveyors and bucket elevators. Referring to the solution 1), see the ow-diagram, the ash to be recycled is



pneumatically conveyed to a cyclone. In the cyclone the finest ash fraction is directly drafted into the combustion chamber due to its negative pressure, while the coarse ash fraction is dosed to the coal feeders and then it passes through the coal pulverizers before being injected into the boiler by the coal burners.

The choice to recycle the ash through the coal pulverizers is driven by the possibility to reduce the bottom ash grain size up to a value comparable with the ESP fly ash one. Besides, the ash enters the combustion chamber near hot areas that means a fraction of the UBC contained in the recycled ash, can burn thanks to high temperatures and proper residence time.

Referring to the solution 2), the cyclone is not required given that the

chosen ash is conveyed to the coal feeder level by suitable MAGALDI conveyors. Then this ash can be dosed to the coal feeders, for instance, by vibro-feeders before going into the boiler with the same path of the previous solution 1).

The choice of the MAR[®] System configuration mainly depends on the specific project and boiler designer. The MAR® System can be implemented, as a retrofit, downstream the 80 MAC[®] Systems already in operation in the world.

MAC[®] + MAR[®] SYSTEM BENEFITS

In addition to the MAC[®] System benefits, the MAR[®] System ones include the following:

· Conversion of bottom ash into saleable fly ash to cement factories.

- Complete elimination of costs associated with bottom ash handling and disposal.
- · UBC content reduction in the fly ash due to the dilution factor of dry bottom ash (poor in UBC) and by choosing the ESP sections with the highest UBC content.
- Boiler efficiency increase thanks to the heat recovery by the UBC content reduction in the recycled ash.
- · Fly ash in compliance with ENV 197-1 for cement and UNI-EN 450 for concrete (UBC \leq 5% and fineness \leq 40% as oversized particles on a sieve hole diameter of 45 µm).
- Respect for the environment: mixing fly ash with cement, CO₂ emissions decrease. The production of 1.0 ton of Portland cement produces about 0.92 t of CO₂ (CO₂ trading \approx 30 \in /t).

Magaldi Ecobelt v/s drag chain **conveyors**

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to 45°

The Magaldi Ecobelt is a patented conveyor whose main feature is the ability of handling bulk materials in an enclosed steel casing, which guarantees a total environmental protection.







unique for its capability of handling hot, dusty and abrasive bulk materials of any lump size without limitation of temperature and hardness and with inclination ability up

The Magaldi Ecobelt Conveyor is based on the well known technology of the Magaldi Superbelt, a steel belt conveyor with hundreds of worldwide references. The Magaldi Superbelt is totally enclosed in a steel casing but all the rotating components are left outside in order to allow their maintenance while the conveyor is operating.

Moreover the Magaldi Ecobelt is provided with a number of "dragging buckets" that collect the fine particles accumulated at the bottom of the casing and then bring them back on the carrying

he technical characteristics side of the belt. The Magaldi Superbelt of the Magaldi Ecobelt are cannot break suddenly; this guarantees the continuing operation of the conveyor even under the most extreme operating conditions such as material high temperature and abrasiveness. For these reasons the Magaldi Ecobelt conveyor is the ideal component for the MAC® Systems (Magaldi Ash Cooler).

In this application it is positioned downstream the primary crusher and thanks to the counter-flowing stream of air, it becomes an air-ash heat exchanger. In today's technology and within certain temperature levels, lump size, inclination and lenght, the alternative equipment able to transport bulk materials in an enclosed casing is the Drag Chain Conveyor.

The following table shows the main differences between the two technologies:



It is with no doubts its best feature. Even if some components break, the belt never stops. There are no possibility of sudden failures. Maintenance can be performed during scheduled shut-downs. Magaldi A chain breakage cannot be predicted. guarantees no sudden breaks of Superbelt for 5 years.

Any chain can suddenly break in its weakest point. In case of chain breakage, the conveyor stops with consequent loss of production.

High temperature resistance

any direction without permanent deformation. And all rotating com- hardness of chains and sprockets. ponent are placed outside the steel casing in a cool environment.

The Magaldi Superbelt withstands higher temperatures than standard Drag Chain conveyors have a limited resistance to high temperatures. chain conveyors, because the belt components are free to expand in Hot environment temperature over (T>350°C - 660°F) causes loss in

Ability to handle big lumps of any hardness

The Magaldi Ecobelt is based on a belt technology, therefore it can be Drag chain conveyors work fine with bulk material of almost fine grain from 300 mm (1 ft) to 1.200 mm (4 ft).

sized to handle any big lumps. It is available in widths that range size. Should the material contain also very hard lumps or metal pieces, the chain will be subjected to overload with consequent possible chain sudden breakages.

Inclination ability

The Magaldi Ecobelt can incline up to 45°. The belt is provided with Inclination reduces quickly the capacity of drag chain conveyors. transversal cleats to form a sort of "bucket" conveyor that can efficiently transport any material at high inclination.

The steeper the incline, the lower the tonnage they can handle. This results in a useless over-sizing of the conveyor with consequent cost increase

Wearing resistance

The Magaldi Ecobelt, based on a belt technology, simply transport the Drag chain conveyors, as the name suggest, continuously "drag" the material without dragging it.

movement between handled material and the belt's pans during conbelt is 10 years and the belt comes with a standard 5 years warranty. depending on material abrasiveness.

material in the conveyor casing. The handled material is continuous-Abrasive materials do not affect its life because there is no relative ly "orinded" between the chain scrapers and the casing itself, resulting in a quick wearing of those components. Regular maintenance is veyance. Even in the heaviest applications the expected life of the therefore required and life of the component can be very short,

Low operational cost

The Magaldi Ecobelt requires less power than drag chain conveyors. It Drag chain conveyors require high installed power due to the friction lasts longer and requires less spare parts stock.

between the transported material and the casing. Moreover they require to have a complete set of spare chain and sprocket because of sudden breakage.



MAGALDI CELEBRATES ITS 75[™] ANNIVERSARY

Back in 1930, just one year after the foundation of the Cinghie Magaldi company, Ettore Basile, a young fellow, began his working relationship with Paolo Magaldi, the founder of the company, and he became soon one of the most important associate. Since then, for the past 40 years (also known as "the Captain") remained faithful to Paolo as the Buccino workshop manager.

On December 19th, 2005 in occasion of the 75th anniversary of the Magaldi Group foundation, Mario Magaldi greeted Ettore and his niece Noemi Sacco, enioing the dinner together.

Noemi, who recently graduated in Chinese Language, works now in our Beijing's office as the assistant of the China's Export Manager.

Paolo Magaldi



Letizia, Raffaello and Paolo Magaldi



From the left Emilio Basile, Noemi Sacco and Mario Magaldi



Mario Magaldi (in the center) with his staff

MAGALDI AT GLANCE



OPENING OF MAGALDI POWER REPRESENTATIVE OFFICE IN BEIJING

ducing the first MAC bottom ash sys- nese Customers. power plant in Beijing.

The installation of the first SUPERBELT language, is at Customer's disposal to conveyor in the HUA DONG TEKSID offer a wide range of information and foundry in Shanghai dates back to services related to our dry bottom ash 2000, and with 106 meters length is extraction systems. still the longer ever designed.

sentative Office was opened in Novem- mentioned e-mail addresses: ber 2005.

The office is located in prestigious vu.gian@magaldi.com trict in Beijing and well expresses the next issue of Magaldi News. willing of Magaldi Power to offer more Magaldi has been active in China intro- and more dedicated services to its Chi-

tem to this Country in 1997 at SANHE' A committed staff, either Chinese mother tongue or fluent in Chinese

Both our existing and potential Cus-Since then the recognition of the qual- tomers are warmly invited to take a ity of Magaldi products has grown, and deep dive into all aspects of Magaldi to cope with the increased demand of technologies by contacting Ms. Noemi

the market, the Magaldi Power Repre- Sacco and Mr. Yu Qian at the under noemi.sacco@magaldi.com Lufthansa Centre in Chaovang Park dis- Further information will follow in the



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SALES AGREEMENT FOR THE USA FOUNDRY MARKET

Magaldi Industrie S.r.I. has recently signed an agreement with Mr. Dan Noll for the sales and service activities in the US foundries

Dan has an office in Detroit (MI) and 248-535-3205 mobile thanks to his background, is a very well known name in the foundry market.

His first goal has been the consolidation of the representative network, in

order to cover the complete market and to provide the customers with the technical support that they deserve.

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We wish Dan a very successful future,



Fabio de Feo (Magaldi U.S. Area Manager) and Dan Noll



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