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## **Outokumpu enhances its stainless bar production capabilities in Richburg, U.S.**

Outokumpu announces enhancement of stainless bar production in its facilities in Richburg, South Carolina, USA. New capabilities include a new coil-to-bar line to cover bar sizes from 0.600" to 1.250" inches and full reinforcement bar capabilities. The new lines enable Outokumpu to better serve its key end-customer segments including automotive, aerospace, oil & gas, construction and chemical processing in the North American market. The investment increases Outokumpu's stainless bar production capacity by more than 15,000 tonnes annually.

Says Bob Beatty, head of the Outokumpu Stainless Bar, USA: "The new investment allows us to expand our capacity in the area of coil-to-bar peeling where we have been capacity constrained. The line utilizes hot-rolled coil bar feedstock which is straightened, peeled, chamfered and polished to finished bars. This new capacity helps us to expand our business in key growth markets including the important automotive segment where we have a strong position."

Outokumpu serves the North American market through its key service center partners. The company has a strong reputation in the market as a premium producer of high performance bars with unique knowhow in stainless steel applications and material performance.

Outokumpu has over a century of experience in creating efficient, long-lasting, and recyclable stainless steels. Our global offering includes quality-critical long products for equipment, buildings and infrastructure projects. Our Long Products sites are located in the US, the UK, and Sweden and are known for their high quality products, flexibility, and world-class delivery performance. Read more about Outokumpu Long Products' offering at [www.outokumpu.com/longproducts](http://www.outokumpu.com/longproducts).

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