

## TITANIUM CASTING DELIVERED

Norway-based Aero Titanium AS has delivered a massive titanium casting to UK-based Koso Kent Introl Ltd. The cast body of the 20in Class 300 globe control valve has a rough weight of 1100 kgs and is the world's largest single piece titanium casting produced in recent years. The full set of titanium castings including the bonnet and internal parts was delivered from the titanium foundry of the Zelenodolsk Plant as part of a delivery for the White Rose FPSO project located offshore Canada and operated by Husky Energy. [Details](#)

## FORT WAYNE METALS UNVEILS EXPANSION PLANS

Fort Wayne Metals Research Products Corp. has announced plans for an expansion at its Labeca facility. The company will make real estate improvements and add new equipment to the 3401 McArthur Drive location. The project is expected to be completed in November and will create 20 full and part-time jobs.



Fort Wayne Metals is the market leader for high grade material solutions for critically demanding medical device products throughout the world. The more common materials produced by the company include materials such as titanium and titanium alloys, stainless steel and specialty alloys, such as nitinol.

The Labeca plant is responsible for processing titanium wire and rod, as well as providing straight and cut rod in a variety of other materials.

The company will invest approximately \$2.3 million in the project, with \$1.25 million going toward real estate improvements, and \$1 million toward manufacturing improvements. The remainder of the budget will be used for improvements to information technology equipment. [Details](#)

## CAR SCRAPPAGE YET TO IMPROVE BLEAK METAL DEMAND

Car-scrappage schemes have yet to have a major impact on aluminium recycling businesses, Britain's Avon Metals told Reuters.

Steven Munnoch, managing director at the aluminium recycling and metals trading group, said that both trading and production volumes are down 20 percent compared to the same period last year as the global recession hits demand.

"I've been at Avon 10 years and I've never seen anything like it," said Munnoch on the auto industry. "I get emails every day from people in the metals industry 20-30 years and they say the same.

Owned by the Remet Company, Avon Metals' core business is recycling aluminium to customers which include Alcoa, Novelis and Hydro & Aleris.

"We're part of a financially very stable group ... but I'm sure a lot of companies that are trading water won't be able to survive the next six months," Munnoch said.

Avon is also a physical trader of high grade non-ferrous scrap metals, LME base metals such as aluminium, tin and zinc, and off-exchange minor metals and ferro-alloys including titanium, tungsten, rhenium and ferro-titanium.

On average Avon Metals manufactures around 10,000 tonnes per year of product, made predominantly from aluminium scrap, with trading volumes at a similar level.

"It's down around 20 percent," Munnoch said. "The feedback we get from customers and suppliers alike is that if there is going to be any signs of improvement, then it might be in the fourth quarter." [Details](#)

## ATI STICKS WITH THIRD QUARTER SPONGE PLANT START

After two earlier delays, and despite prospects for more inventory adjustment in the aerospace supply chain, Allegheny Technologies Inc (ATI) is holding to its most recent startup date for its new titanium sponge plant in Utah. [Details](#)

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## AIRBUS AND EADS SIGN A TITANIUM SUPPLY AGREEMENT WITH VSMPO-AVISMA

Airbus and the Russian Technologies State Corporation's integrated structure VSMPO-AVISMA Corporation, the Russian titanium manufacturer, have signed the biggest and longest-term contract in the history of Airbus/EADS cooperation with Russian industry. The agreement was signed on April 20, 2009 in Moscow by Sergey Chemezov, General Director of the Russian Technologies State Corporation and Tom Enders, President and CEO of Airbus in the presence of Vladimir Putin, Russian Prime-Minister, Walter Jürgen Schmid, German Ambassador to Russia, Jean de Gliniasty, French Ambassador to Russia and Juan Antonio March Pujol, Spanish Ambassador to Russia.

The agreement covers the supply of titanium to Airbus and other EADS Divisions until 2020. The scope of the contract includes the supply of titanium and covers die forging parts for all existing Airbus aircraft, including new programmes such as the A350XWB. VSMPO-AVISMA Corporation may also machine titanium products in order to develop a vertically integrated titanium supply chain, starting from raw materials to finished products. [Details](#) [Details](#)

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## TOHO TITANIUM CUTS SPONGE PRODUCTION

Toho Titanium's president Takeshi Kurushima announced the company has cut production of titanium sponge and implemented action programs to improve profitability due to the global recession. The company has seen demand for titanium dramatically decrease for use in general and aerospace industries. Production has been cut by 40% at the Chigasaki plant and the new sponge plant (Wakamatsu, Kitakyushu-City) has deferred its start-up operation to April 2010, 4 months behind schedule. [Details](#)

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## EUROPEAN TITANIUM CONFERENCE 2009

### 23rd-24th June

The Titanium Information Group, in association with the Special Metals Forum and NAMTEC, is hosting a European Titanium Conference to be held at the Belfry Golf Club and Conference Centre, in Birmingham. The conference will cover up to date technical developments, academic research and market reviews from various perspectives. We have confirmed speakers from world leading organisations and renowned academic institutions. To maximise the range of topics available to delegates, the two day programme will be split into a combination of plenary and parallel sessions, providing plenty of opportunity for delegates to attend a variety of presentations [Details](#)

\*\*Please note:- Accommodation is quickly running out, please book soon to avoid disappointment

