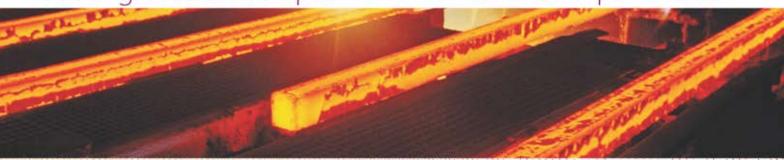


Mobil ServSM Engineering team helps steel manufacturer reduce grease consumption and maintenance expenditures



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Hot mill | Steel manufacturer | Alabama, United States

Situation

A leading steel manufacturer in Alabama was experiencing several issues with its hot mill. While using an aluminum complex grease in the hot mill, the manufacturer was regreasing more frequently than desired due to extensive water washout and high heat. Additionally, during mill operation, the hot mill's scale would come into contact with the grease and ignite, causing grease fires. In an effort to enhance the efficiency of its equipment and operation, the manufacturer approached its distributor, McPherson Oil Products, and the **Mobil ServSM Engineering** team to help reduce grease consumption, grease-related fires, and related maintenance costs.

Recommendation

To evaluate the equipment's current grease consumption, the Mobil Serv Engineering team implemented a Feed Rate Optimization Study to identify areas for grease reduction. Based on the findings, the team recommended switching to Mobil Centaur XHPTM 461 grease, which offers improved resistance to heat and water versus traditional aluminum complex technologies.

Impact

Since switching to **Mobil Centaur XHP 461** grease, the company reports reduced annual grease consumption by 48% by increasing cycle times from every 30 minutes to every 60 minutes due to the grease's enhanced water resistance. This benefit lowered annual grease costs by US \$110,000. In addition, the manufacturer was able to reduce the number of grease fires due to the reduction of grease build up on the floor around the bearings.

Benefit

The steel manufacturer reports that the **Mobil Serv Engineering** team's recommendations help reduce grease consumption and fires, generating companyestimated annual savings of US \$110,000.

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