

< Expansion of the Coil Center in Thailand >

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Marubeni-Itochu Steel Inc., has revealed that it will expand one of the three factories of its subsidiary, United Coil Center in Thailand, and will install additional processing facilities. Total investment will be approximately 9 million (U.S.) dollars.

United Coil Center (UCC), one of the largest Steel Service Centers in South East Asia, currently has a processing capacity of 420 thousand tons annually at its 3 factories. Marubeni-Itochu Steel Inc. has an 83% stake in UCC.

Recent growing demand for the processed steel from manufacturers such as for automobiles and home appliances in Thailand has prompted UCC to decide on the expansion. The company expects to start processing with the new facilities at its Bangpakong factory in the fall of 2005.

The new facilities will include:

Facilities	Capacity	
1) Slitter (No.5)	1 unit	0.3mm-3.2mm X 1,524mm
2) Blanking Line (No.3)	1 unit	600 ton Press
3) Tailor Welded Blanking Line	1 unit	

With this expansion, UCC will have 5 slitters, 3 levelers, 3 blanking facilities and 2 Tailor Welded Blanking Line with the processing capacity of 40 thousand tons per month. This represents increased capacity of 5 thousand tons per month.

Picture of UCC Factory

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