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Vitex Extrusion announces full production start-up on its new 2750 ton “World Class” Aluminum Extrusion production line.

The management of Vitex Extrusion is pleased to confirm the start-up of full production on our new “world class” extrusion line. The 2,750 ton, state-of-the-art “front-loading” aluminum extrusion press was installed at the company’s modern 115,000 square foot manufacturing facility in Franklin, New Hampshire.

The installation of the new extrusion line, which incorporates the latest industry technologies, was the collaboration of Italian press maker PRESEZZI Extrusion SPA and Michigan-based Granco Clark Systems, who supplied the furnace, hot saw and all back-end handling system components.

The new press line project broke ground with initial foundation work on August 31, 2011. Working under a 24-7 schedule, the project team successfully completed the installation in seventy seven days, with the pushing of the press line’s first billet on November 17, 2011. A full production shift was initiated on December 17, 2011. A second production shift was added on January 9, 2012.

The new extrusion production line offers Vitex customers’ extruded profiles and manufactured components with tighter dimensional tolerances and superior surface finishes to what is currently available in the market. Emphasizing total customer satisfaction, the new extrusion line has created a significant enhancement in capacity to service potential sharp upticks in customer demand, without concurrent increases in lead times, while at the same time allowing for continued growth in our market base. Production capacity has increased from 18,000,000 lb.’s per year to 30,000,000 lb.’s.