

Unicoil Receives ISO Testing Certification

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Unicoil has received Dubai Accreditation Center (DAC) certification conforming its product tests to ISO17025-2005 requirements. This makes it the first Middle Eastern flat products maker to receive the accreditation, according to the Saudi cold roller and coil coater.

“ISO 17025 is the single most important standard for calibration and testing laboratories around the world,” the firm tells Kallanish. “Laboratories that are accredited to this international standard have demonstrated that they are technically competent and able to produce precise and accurate test and/or calibration data, providing confidence to customers or any other parties or agencies that the test results provided are reliable and dependable.”

Last month Unicoil established a partnership with Berlin-based coatings specialist Beckers that will shorten the lead time of colour-coated coil (PPGI) orders to under a week (see Kallanish 7 April). Further facets of the partnership with Beckers have been the launches announced last December of ‘Colorite – AB (anti-bacterial)’ and ‘Colorite Energy Saver’ PPGI products.

Last year Unicoil was also accredited with the Kuwaiti Quality Mark (KSS) and Jordanian Quality Mark, which it said would help it increase exports.

At an industry meeting in December Unicoil president Rayed Al-Ajaji said Saudi Arabia should “... activate” existing but unused mechanisms that provide for protection against imports.

Unicoil can produce up to 340,000 tonnes/year of cold rolled coil, 250,000 t/y of hot-dip galvanized coil and 210,000 t/y of pre-painted galvanized steel. The firm is the main supplier of these products locally, and also ships to regional and international markets. Hot rolled coil feedstock is sourced from Saudi steelmaker Sabic and various international mills.
