



## Saudi Arabia's Unicoil introduces Anti-Bacterial PPGI

Saudi Arabian flat steel re-roller and coater Unicoil has developed an anti-bacterial pre-painted steel (PPGI) product, the company said on Sunday December 12.

"[We] have developed and now introduced a new product, Colorite-AB (Anti bacterial). This product has advanced specifications and is the first steel product of its kind, both at the national level and throughout the Gulf Co-operation Council countries and across the] Middle East", the company said.

The company said most PPGI products are used for the walls of hospitals, surgeries, medical laboratories, food processing areas, food cold storage, and cold-transportation trucks, painted surfaces on which micro-organisms may survive.

The anti-microbial agent in the new coating is designed to inhibit the growth of odour-causing bacteria and help prevent the deterioration of the coating from mould and mildew.

Unicoil developed energy-saving PPGI earlier in December.

Unicoil produces 210,000 tpy of PPGI in 1,000-1,200mm widths. The demand from the country is around 255,000 tpy. About 55-60% of this is from commercial production, and the rest goes to industrial uses, company executives told Steel First at this week's Metal Bulletin Middle East Iron and Steel Conference (MEIS 15) in Dubai.

Unicoil produces 400,000 tpy of pickled and oiled coil, 340,000 tpy of cold rolled coil (CRC), 250,000 tpy of hot dipped galvanized coil (HDG), 210,000 tpy of PPGI, and 18 million linear metres per year of pre-painted corrugated coils at its plants in Jubal and Jeddah

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