

RUUKKI METALS OY, FINLAND

MODERNIZATION INCREASED CRANE LIFETIME

CHALLENGE

Rautaruukki is a Finnish metal company that provides its customers with energy-efficient steel solutions for better living, working and moving. The company has around 12,000 employees in 30 countries.

The N7 bridge crane at their Hameenlinna factory was severely outdated. The original cabin was worn out, and spare parts were no longer readily available. The crane needed to be modernized.

SOLUTION

The factory had another crane in need of modernization, and a third one at the end of its life cycle. They decided to relocate the cranes. One crane was removed, two cranes were relocated, and a new crane was ordered.

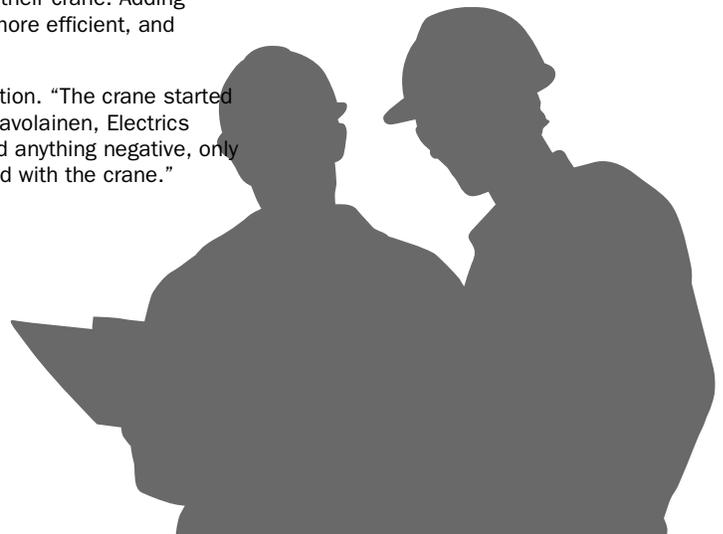
After the modernization, the N7 crane was relocated to the dispatch department where it would load coils on to trains and trucks. The crane's electrical system and drives were updated, the mechanical parts of the trolley and bridge were serviced, and the crane was repainted. Furthermore, the crane was connected to the inventory management system.



RESULTS

The modernization significantly increased the lifetime of their crane. Adding inventory management made dispatch work easier and more efficient, and enabled them to have better control over their inventory.

The customer is completely satisfied with the modernization. "The crane started working immediately and without problems," says Arto Savolainen, Electrics Maintenance Engineer at Ruukki Metals. "I haven't heard anything negative, only praise. The production department is completely satisfied with the crane."





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