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AVTRON COMMISSIONS 400,000 MTPY THAI BAR MILL

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Avtron Manufacturing's Industrial Automation Division and their Thailand System Integration partner, VR Master, has successfully commissioned the new bar mill drive and automation system at Thachin Steel Products in Bangkok. The mill is designed for an output speed of 20 meters/second and this was achieved on March 24 at the end of the first full week of production. The system consists of Avtron's ADDvantage-32™ Digital DC Drives for 16 Stands, two Flying Shears and three Pinch Rolls and 21 Avtron M115 Metric ThinLine™ encoders. Also included is a high-speed, fiber-optic Ethernet Network from the drives to a GE Fanuc Programmable Logic Controller.

About Avtron Manufacturing Inc.

Avtron Manufacturing delivers drive systems, automation solutions and diagnostic software designed to help users reduce costs, increase efficiency and enhance profitability. With drive system solutions and services catering to virtually every heavy industry segment, Avtron Manufacturing provides a diverse array of capabilities including ac and dc drives, encoders, and high speed data acquisition and diagnostic software. Headquartered in Independence Ohio, Avtron Manufacturing, Inc. provides solutions for the global market.

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