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Broner Metals Solutions, the world's leading provider of supply chain planning, scheduling and manufacturing execution systems, specifically for the metals industry announced that it has been awarded a further participation in the Global Scheduling Project by ArcelorMittal Vanderbijlpark Works in South Africa.

Broner Metals said that the Phase 2 of the project has started after the implementation and launch of the Phase 1, which spanned steel making facilities, slab casters, hot strip and plate mill and included four Broner modules: Caster Scheduler, Hot Mill Scheduler, Online Slab Allocator and Melt Shop Control Centre.

The new Phase covers planning and finishing facilities and comprises the following Broner applications

1. Production Planner performs fixed capacity, end-to-end material flow planning for all stages, from steel-making to packing
2. Material Planner is responsible for automatic allocation and re-allocation of physical inventory to sales orders, to replace currently manual process
3. Plate Combination is responsible for automatic allocation and re-allocation of physical inventory to plate sales orders
4. Production Scheduler is an automated scheduling tool that uses physical and virtual coils to improve visibility of impact of a schedule on downstream equipment.

Mr Graham Hocknell project manager for phase 1 and 2 at ArcelorMittal South Africa Vanderbijlpark said that "We were pleased with the results delivered by Broner in the first phase and are now implementing Phase 2 together."