HyperDense phase System (HDPS)

This auto regulated offers an environmentally friendly solution with the lowest operation and maintenance costs.

The HDPS is able to combine horizontal and vertical sections using our patented HDPS siphon system. It is highly adapted to complex configuration like in revamping context.

We are the aluminium industry’s leading provider of pot feeding systems for smelters. The HDPS (HyperDense phase system) is based on a patented fluidisation principle operating at a very low pressure.
Fact sheet
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HDPS: patented system for materials handling by fluidisation

Main HDPS conveyor features
Our patented HDPS conveyor system enables continuous materials supply from the silo to numerous consuming points, ensuring pot hoppers are full at all times. Material is conveyed by fluidisation in hyperdense phase. The system’s length can be adapted up to hundreds of metres.

In 2007, we reached a cumulative length of 100 km of HDPS, design and installed.

Proven advantages
Safe technology involving very low air pressure (0.1 bar)
Environmentally friendly:
- Entirely closed and dust free device
- Low energy consumption (2 kWh/t)
- No alumina shortage to the pots and the associated anode effects due to a very high reliability

Best Full Economic Cost (FEC)
- No valve for distribution over more than 2,600 feeding points
- Horizontal, with no slope, lowering structure costs
- Can be installed outside
- Fully pre-assembled modules for easy erection
- Automatic system with low pressure fluidisation for reduced operating and maintenance costs

Available for multiple pot technologies and multiple pot configuration (end to end or side by side)

Possibility of revamping in existing smelters, without shut-down of running pots

Allow to combine vertical and horizontal section with our patented siphon system

Health, safety and environment (HSE) benefits
Our fully enclosed, dust free and low energy consumption potfeed system delivers an unrivalled environmental performance.


Main features
100% shop tested for a reduced start-up time
Output capacity of up to hundreds of tonnes and hundreds of metres per hour.
Polyester composite construction where electrical insulation is required
Cells fed continuously and simultaneously by thousands of outlets with a single system
Self-balanced, no electronics, no moving parts
Low velocity of the conveyed alumina (typically 5 cm/s):
No wear, no product attrition

Fluidisation at very low pressure by centrifugal fans

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