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The horizontal billet caster (HBC) operated from Monday 27th to Friday 31st May for the purposes of emissions testing.

We have now received the results of these tests and are pleased to report that dioxin levels were substantially below our licence limits.

The first dioxin reading during the campaign was 0.015 nanograms per cubic metre (ng/m³) and the second reading was 0.0076 ng/m³. As you can see these results are significantly lower than the licence limit for the HBC, which is 0.1 ng/m³.

We plan to operate the HBC for another campaign from 18th to 21st June, by which time the baghouse will reach optimum operating conditions.

Following this we then plan to undertake further emission testing using a typical blend of raw material including recycled copper.

We hope to return to normal operation of the HBC in July and are working with the EPA to finalise this plan.