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## Tenova LOI Thermprocess delivers a further HPH<sup>®</sup> Bell-Type Furnaces for Wire Coils to Norm Group

**Essen, January 27, 2017** – At the end of 2016, the Norm Group located in Izmir, Turkey, placed a contract for a third plant to Tenova LOI Thermprocess, a Tenova company.

After orders in 2012 and 2014, a follow-up order was now agreed with Tenova LOI Thermprocess, a worldwide leading manufacturer for bell-type annealing furnaces for wire coils. This latest order consists of three annealing bases, two heating hoods and one Jet-cooling hood and will go into production at the Somun plant of the Norm Group in October 2017. Besides the spheroidization annealing of wire rod, this plant also carries out recrystallization annealing of drawn wire coils with the HPH<sup>®</sup> (High Performance Hydrogen) annealing technology. The Norm Group is a leading manufacturer of fasteners in Turkey which chose Tenova LOI HPH<sup>®</sup> annealing technology for its continuous growth.

The co-operation between the two companies started in December 2012, when the Norm Group ordered for its Civata plant the first Tenova LOI HPH<sup>®</sup> bell-type annealing plant for wire coils. This plant consisted of two annealing bases, one heating hood and one Jet-cooling hood and is until today extremely successful for spheroidization annealing of wire rod. In the summer of 2014, a new contract was signed with Tenova LOI Thermprocess for the expansion of the existing plant by additional annealing base and heating hood. Since the summer of 2015, the bell-type annealing plant counts though three annealing bases, two heating hoods and one Jet-cooling hood and anneals 32.000 tons of wire rod coils per year.

Thanks to the success of Civata plant and the good relationship with Norm group, the contract for Somun plant was signed at the end of 2016, leading to an additional increase to 64.000 tons per year for this site.

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