# **Clean Steel**

Maximising Boiler performance

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## Clean Steel in a nutshell

- Clean Steel is a service company specialised in controlling fouling of heat transfer surfaces.
- Our business idea is simple: Clean boilers efficiently and minimize fouling-based problems
- ► The core of the company is patented Smart Blasting<sup>™</sup> boiler cleaning technology
- ► Smart Blasting<sup>™</sup> is done by trained professionals
- We know boilers and understand schedule pressures we want to deliver the best result consistently.
- The company is established in year 2011
- Born in Finland, operating globally

# Smart Blasting

Tested and patented boiler cleaning technology

## What is Smart Blasting?

Smart Blasting<sup>™</sup> removes slag deposits from power plant boilers, stops corrosion and forms a fouling-resistant layer of chromium oxide.

- Patented technology to clean heat transfer surfaces
- Grit blasting by well trained and experienced staff
- No negative downsides like other methods (corrosion problems, dust)
- The best possible cleaning result to maximize boiler performance
- Fastest metdod available
- The VTT Technical Research Centre of Finland Ltd has tested this method that removes 100% of the dirt without damaging the boiler's heat transfer surfaces.

# 100% cleaning result & protective surface

- According to VTT (Technical research center of Finland) Smart Blasting
  - Removes all (100%) the slag
  - Stops the corrosion process
  - Creates a protective chrome oxcide to the metal. This surface remarkably slows down fouling process
- It is essential to remove all slag from heat transfer surfaces in order to prevent corrosion process and to create a protective surface
- Smart Blasting enables running the boiler with better efficiency ratio and with higher power if needed still minimizing corrosion problems



### Field-tested method

939

Smart Blasting

Projects

(over 80 projects in 2022) Countries operated

Finland, Sweden, Spain, France, Uruguay, Brazil, Scotland 4.25

Customer Satisfaction

(CS Customer satisfaction survey 2020, evaluation 1-5)

#### **Short term benefits**

- Efficiency ratio goes up
- Less fuel needed
- Improved heat transfer
- Better flue gas flow
- Less sootblowing needed

Long term benefits
Better overall efficiency ratio
Less corrosion
Less erosion
Longer life cycles for critical components, super heaters and economizers

### This is what you get



## **Customer Cases**

#### Mälarenergi, Sweden

**Fuel:** Biomass **Boiler:** Power boiler, Valmet

#### Before Smart Blasting

- Sandblasting once a year
- Varying cleaning result
- Special difficulties with cleaning the economiser section >> blockages resulting in service interruptions
- Sandblasting too time-consuming (140–200 h)

#### After Smart Blasting

- Thorough cleaning in connection with annual maintenance every 12 months
- Excellent cleaning result
- Required blasting time 72 h
- Mälarenergi and Clean Steel signed a 3-year agreement (2022–2024) after the first cleaning

#### "Everything worked really well from start to finish!"

Magnus Nyström, Production engineer, Mälarenergi



**Luvian Saha** Oy / Luvia saw mill **Fuel:** Wood-based fuels **Boiler:** Tube boiler / Saw mill



#### **Before Smart Blasting**

- Tube cleaning 2 times a year (annual maintenance + 1 additional service interruption)
- Varying cleaning result >> problems caused by fouling recurred rapidly
- The mess caused by pressure washing had to be cleaned up + wastewater disposal

#### After Smart Blasting

- Thorough cleaning in connection with annual maintenance every 12 months
- Excellent cleaning result no fouling problems
- Required blasting time 12 h
- High operating efficiency throughout the cycle

"Smart Blasting works and its benefits have been clear in terms of both efficiency and reliability"

Timo Arola, Maintenance Manager, Luvian Saha Oy

#### Enso Energy Garray, Spain

**Fuel:** Olive tree bark, bark, forest industry by-products **Boiler:** Power boiler



#### Before Smart Blasting

- Water washing 3 times a year
- Varying cleaning result, poor result in cleaning tight tubing and narrow gaps
- Messy and time-consuming process (wastewater management)
- Efforts to increase production efficiency (heat transfer) and reduce water use prompted Enso to look for other alternatives

"Perfecto! All our goals were met"

Antonio Campos, Process Engineer, Enso Energy

#### After Smart Blasting

- Thorough cleaning in connection with annual maintenance every 12 months
- Excellent cleaning result (even with tight tubing and narrow gaps)
- Required blasting time 36 h
- Efforts to increase production efficiency (heat High operating efficiency throughout the cycle

# Why us?

- 1. Faster & more effective method
- 2. Proven results
- 3. Skilled staff our work is not done until it's done
- 4. We help you to improve efficiency to gain better business results