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Jobs available at new Mesa steel plant

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CMC Steel Arizona officially opened a state-of-the-art steel mill in east Mesa Tuesday, the East Valley Tribune reported.

Officials of Irving, Texas-based Commercial Metals Co., the plant's parent company, said they will plan to ramp up to full production at the plant next year because they believe in the growth prospects of the East Valley and Arizona.

The \$155 million plant will turn scrap metal into concrete-reinforcing bar, or rebar, for use primarily in commercial buildings, roads and other infrastructure projects. It uses a new type of manufacturing process developed by Danieli, an Italian steel company that provided equipment for the factory.

It is the first plant of its type in the United States.

Called a micromill, it is smaller than most steel-making plants and uses one uninterrupted process to melt, cast and roll the steel. The technology saves energy and is more environmentally friendly than conventional steel-making techniques, the company said.

The plant will employ about 140 people when it is at full capacity plus another 40 at an adjacent fabricating plant where the rebar is custom assembled for specific projects.

Interested people can apply through Monster.com by typing "CMC Steel Arizona" in the search box, officials said.

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