

Setra to invest in Malå sawmill

Setra will upgrade the trimmer at Malå sawmill during the autumn. The investment includes totally new machinery, a new cutting system and the installation of automated sorting. The saw line will also be equipped with a new control system.

“This investment will enable us to raise our productivity at the same time as we adjust to future requirements on the product we work with,” says Rickard Westerberg, Manager of Setra Malå.

“We will rebuild large parts of the trimmer with new machines and control systems at the same time as we convert to automated sorting. The equipment we have today dates from the mid-1990s and has worked well but this investment means we will be able to make significant improvements,” says Westerberg.

The upgrading of the trimmer is being carried out in cooperation with Rema Sawco who will deliver an RS-BoardScannerQ and CGV (C. Gunnarssons Verkstads AB) who will supply the machinery and control system. The investment is scheduled to be put into operation during the fourth quarter of 2015.

“Here at Malå sawmill we are very pleased to have this opportunity. Once we have completed this investment we will be able to deliver an even better product for many years to come,” says Westerberg.

The major gains with automated timber sorting is that it provides a more consistent grade sorting, fewer offcuts and increased flexibility to meet customer requirements as well as reduced production costs.

The control system in the saw line will also be replaced in the autumn. A new control system will allow increased development of the saw line as well as optimisation of the sawing yield, production monitoring, downtime follow-up and integration of future improvements in the saw line.

Setra Malå, which is located in the heart of the county of Västerbotten, is a specialised redwood sawmill and has approximately 70 employees. Setra Group has a total of nine sawmills, three processing units and two modular building factories.

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