



## **SSAB and Shapeline Measure Width and Edge Quality**

*Shapeline and SSAB are using the Shapeline system in new applications to measure width and edge quality of steel plates.*

Linköping, Sweden, September 17, 2007 --(PR.com)-- Shapeline is happy to announce the delivery of a second Width and Edge Quality Measurement system to SSAB, the leading Swedish steel manufacturer. Both systems are used in the Oxelösund steel works in Sweden.

With the Shapeline systems, SSAB is able to control the cutting of the plates in the line. With the width and edge quality measurements the settings are verified and in this application SSAB is also using the measurement data to determine when to replace the edges of the shear.

Krister Granlund, Manager Sharing line at SSAB says: "We have worked with Shapeline on flatness for several years. Our co-operation to develop both our production and the Shapeline system is very close. Using the system to measure the width and quality of the edges is giving us the tool we need to quickly and accurately determine when we need to take action and hereby optimizing our cost of maintenance of the cutting device as well as improving our product." He continues: "I expect that we will see more new applications coming from our co-operation soon."

Shapeline CEO, Pär Kierkegaard, PhD, says: "With SSAB we are since a long time exploring new applications for our technology. It develops both companies when we jointly can address the actual issues at their production lines and find solutions that will not only advance the production of SSAB but also give new business opportunities for Shapeline."

### **About SSAB**

SSAB is a leading producer of high-strength steel sheet and steel plate. The group comprises four subsidiaries: SSAB Tunnpått and SSAB Oxelösund are the steelworks businesses, Plannja is the processing company, and Tibnor is the group's trading arm. The group has a turnover of almost SEK 25 billion. The number of employees are 9400 in operations or offices in over 40 countries and a worldwide sales presence. SSAB is listed in the Stockholm Stock Exchange. As of July 2007, the Canadian company IPSCO Inc. is a part of SSAB. More information available at [www.SSAB.com](http://www.SSAB.com).

### **About Shapeline**

Shapeline AB is a privately owned company based in the city of Linköping in Sweden. The Shapeline solution for measuring the flatness of metallic products (plates and strip) is technical frontline. Not only will the producers that use the Shapeline system be able to verify and document the flatness of the products delivered - by measuring flatness in different phases of the production costs are saved too. Shapeline is rated A3 by D&B Network. For more information please contact Pär Kierkegaard, [pk@shapeline.com](mailto:pk@shapeline.com) or visit their homepage at [www.shapeline.com](http://www.shapeline.com).

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