

SisAl Pilot

Innovative pilot for Silicon production with low environmental impact using secondary Aluminium and silicon raw materials



The timing of SisAl Pilot is impeccable with respect to key European challenges; the transformation to a circular economy, the strongly enhanced focus on climate and future expected EU-ETS CO2 allowances with associated risk for carbon leakage from Europe, the rapidly increased difficulty of exporting aluminium scrap from Europe to China, and modern society's ever-increasing need for silicon metal. With SisAl, all these challenges are turned into new European opportunities.

THE PROJECT

SisAl Pilot aims to demonstrate a patented novel industrial process to produce silicon (Si, a critical raw material), enabling a shift from today's carbothermic Submerged Arc Furnace (SAF) process to a far more environmentally and economically alternative: an aluminothermic reduction of quartz in slag that utilizes secondary raw materials such as aluminium (Al) scrap and dross, as replacements for carbon reductants used today.

RESULTS

In the second year of SisAl Pilot 22 pilot trials were performed at Elkem, with a focus also on RWTHs upcoming pilot trials and on the initiation of FREY's trials in Spain.

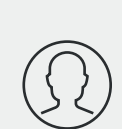

Results from small scale experiments at NTNU and RWTH as well as modelling input provided by SIMTEC and ITMATI have been the basis for these pilot trials. Enough slag for the upcoming basic and acidic hydrometallurgical pilot trials at MYTIL has been produced by Elkem and shipped to Greece. NTUA's and SiQAL's small scale hydrometallurgical experiments have proven that the produced slag is sufficient for both acidic and basic leaching. The business cases, flow sheets models, LCA and resource mapping have been improved by BNW, HZDR, NTNU and Sintef, respectively.

PARTNERS

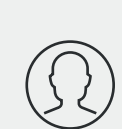



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