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Date	Technology	Sector	Location (Country, City)	
20-04-2018	EAF power factor correction	Metalurgy	Serbia	

Title of the case study	Hybrid power factor corretion of Electric Arc Furnace							
Case Study Summary (1-500 characters)	A power factor correction of 5 t, 3 MVA/10 kV Electric Arc Furnace has been performed in an innovative way that makes it feasible to control reactive power flow of a relatively small EAF. Up to now classical solutions like STATCOM, SVC, had been too expensive for small furnaces, which means those EAF are suffering from big voltage drop, reduced efficiency, high disturbance injection, etc Avalon Partners engineering team designed a solution that is financialy viable and technically capable to reduce disturbance injection and voltage drop. The voltage rms stabilisation yields an increased energy input into the furnace, which reduces tap to tap time increasing EAF efficiency. This case study proved excellent results in all segments of furnace opreation.							
Advantages and Innovations (50-2000 characters)	Innovation improves energy efficiency of the small power Electric Arc Furnace, increasing heat input for the same working current and reduces melting times. At the same time disturbance injection into the grid is reduced to acceptable levels.							
Technical Specification	1-20 MVA, 6-35 kV, 50/60 Hz							
Detailed Description of Case Study (100-4000 characters	Case studu had been performed on a 5 t, 3 MVA/10 kV, 50 Hz Electric Arc Furnace. Case study compared main electrical parameters before and after commissioning a hybrid PFC, as outlined in table below:							
		Maximal power	Power <sup>1)</sup>	Voltage <sup>2)</sup>	Power factor	EAF capacity		
		[MW]	[MW]	[kV]		[taps/day]		
	Before	2.4	>1.18	>9.37	0.78	4.5		
	After	2.6	>1.41	>10.03	0.99	5.2		
	Difference	+8.3%	+19.49%	+7.04%		+15.56%		
	<sup>1)</sup> 75% of all sa	mples <sup>2)</sup> 95% of all	samples					
	Voltage drop had been significantly reduced due to fast responce times and sufficient reactive power capacity. Below diagrams show voltage and current rms before and after commissioning the PFC.							

