1963
Guard Shack 1964
First Photograph of the plant
Lewisport became part of the booming aluminum industry in the 20th century.
Construction 1964
1966
First aluminum rolled at Lewisport facility.
Russian immigrant Leo Harvey received $50 million in industrial revenue bonds to build the Harvey Aluminum Plant on the banks of the Ohio River in Lewisport, KY. Construction on the facility began in 1964, and the plant eventually became Harvey's largest U.S. operation.
1972
Martin Marietta, a minerals company, purchased Harvey Aluminum and subsequently closed most of the company's West Coast operations. This left the Lewisport, KY facility as the center of operations.
1972
Company employed approximately 400 employees.
1974 Aerial Photograph of Plant
1972 Hotmill
1979
Martin Marietta Aluminum invested $33 million to expand the plant's casting capabilities and additional metal prep capacity to handle a wide variety of recycled aluminum.
1979 Lewisport Plant Expansion
1979 Cast House
1984
Employment at the facility stands at 1,150 employees.
1984
Martin Marietta Aluminum sold the company to Comalco Ltd – an Australian mining company.
1995
Largest independent producer of aluminum sheet.
1995
By selling its shares on the Nasdaq, Comalco spun off the aluminum businesses into a new company called Commonwealth Aluminum. This company quickly purchased competitor Castech Aluminum.
2004
The name Aleris originated by combining the word alliance, aluminum and era.
2004
Commonwealth merges with IMCO, creating a global leader in aluminum recycling and specification alloys along with one of the leading U.S. producers of rolled aluminum sheet. The merger of these two companies became known as Aleris.
2014 Automotive Expansion
2014
On October 29, 2014 Aleris broke ground on an expansion of its Lewisport, KY facility. The $400 million investment equipped the facility with additional heat treatment and finishing capabilities to produce wide aluminum sheet for the automotive industry.
2014
$400 million automotive expansion investment announced.
2016
Aleris celebrates 50th anniversary of the first production run at the Lewisport facility.
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Rolled Products
2020