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### **Converteam revamps Cosipas' blast furnace #1**

After 18 months of work, Converteam Brasil just completed the revamping for the blast furnace #1 of Cosipa - Cia. Siderúrgica Paulista. The scope of supply included electrical, automation and instrumentation engineering, the project management, panels, drives, erection supervision, commissioning, start-up, technical assistance and training. "This revamping will help Cosipa to improve the equipment performance, by decreasing the maintenance costs and improving the operational security of the plant", says Raimundo Vasconcelos, Sales Director of Converteam Brasil.

According to the director, this project was a great challenge for Converteam. "Thanks to the commitment and the dynamism of our teams, this project was successfully managed, especially during the commissioning period. It allowed the blast furnace to become operational in a very short period of time and with an exceptional performance of the control system", says Vasconcelos.

For the last ten years, Converteam Brasil has won eight of the main domestic projects in the blast furnace area. "Converteam proven technology is already acknowledged as a reference in this sector and the high level of reliability of our solutions is perfectly adequate for this demanding type of application", completes the director. The company has currently two ongoing contracts with Usiminas – Cosipa's owner – for its metals plant in Ipatinga/MG.

#### **About Converteam**

Converteam Group is a world leader in power conversion engineering. Building on over a century of experience, it is firmly placed at the leading edge of technology and innovation with a global reputation for excellence in the conversion of electrical energy. Converteam develops and provides solutions built around three core components: rotating machines, drives and process automation. Serving specialized sectors as well as its core markets in Marine & Offshore, Oil & Gas, Energy and Industry, its 4,600 staff members provide power conversion solutions worldwide. At year-end 07, Converteam sales totaled 875,000,000 EUR.

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