

The company also expects to participate in *FNMI* projects to rebuild inter-city railway cars which have become dilapidated. It currently imports laminated steel, stainless steel, brake systems, wheels and other parts from the United States.

METALWORKING INDUSTRY

The metalworking industry consists of some 140,000 manufacturing plants and metalworking shops. These companies are very diverse in terms of size and level of technology. Although some companies use advanced numerically-controlled (NC) production equipment, most continue to rely upon antiquated conventional machine tools. Equipment in small machine shops is generally 15 to 20 years old. This results in quality variations and makes it difficult to comply with strict international standards. Increasingly, customers are demanding better quality and service, which will create a growing market for NC tools over the medium term.

MAJOR JOB SHOPS IN THE METALWORKING INDUSTRY

Aceros Alme	cutting, folding, rolling, punching
Cortes y Soldadura	cutting, folding
Industrias Marpi	cutting, bending of sheet metal
Servicios y Ventas de Acero (Syvasa)	cutting, bending of sheet metal and plates, punching
Maquilas Ultra	bending of pipes and sheet metal, cutting
Aceros México	wire and sheet metal products, among others
Maza y Arena	metal sheets, rolls, tubes, and crossbeams
Laminados Gilser de México	sheared cuts, lamina and plate bending, rolls
Tecnología en Doblado de Tubo	pipe bending for the construction industry
Talleres Unidos Mexicanos	bending, punching, flattening
Rabel	cuts and bends lamina, pipe, and cross sections
Perfiles Comerciales y Especiales	cuts and bends laminas, etc.
Fabricaciones y Equipos Industriales	makes pipe and other products
Promotora Industrial y Comercial	sheared cuts, plate bending, etc.
Multiformas Metálicas	sheet and plate cutting and bending
Industrias Aaa' Hsa	cuts and bends black lamina
Metal Construcciones	cuts, bends, rolls
Industrias Metálicas Magón	cuts, bends, and punches with computerized numerically-controlled machinery (CNC)
Tubetec	manufactures stainless steel pipe
Micro Aceros	custom cuts, rolls, etc.
Fischer Mexicana	manufactures stainless steel pipe

Source: United States Department of Commerce.