

Title (en)  
PROCESS FOR DECARBONISING A HIGH-CHROMIUM STEEL MELT

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VERFAHREN ZUM ENTKOHLN EINER HOCHCHROMHALTIGEN STAHLSCHMELZE

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PROCEDE DE DECARBURATION D'UN ACIER EN FUSION A HAUTE TENEUR EN CHROME

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