

The invention relates to a plant combination for producing steel, comprising a blast furnace (1) for producing raw iron, a converter steel mill (2) for producing raw steel, a gas line system for gases that arise in the production of raw iron and the production of raw steel, and a power plant (3) for generating current. The power plant (3) is operated by means of a gas that comprises at least a partial amount of the blast-furnace gas (7) arising in the blast furnace (1) in the production of raw iron and/or a partial amount of the converter gas (9) arising in the converter steel plant (2). According to the invention, a chemical or biotechnology plant (12) is provided, which is connected to the gas line system and is connected in parallel with the power plant (3) with regard to the gas supply. The gas line system comprises a gas diverter (13) for dividing the gas mass flows fed to the power plant (3) and to the chemical or biotechnology plant (12), which gas diverter can be operationally controlled. Externally obtained current (15) and power-plant current (16) generated by the power plant (3) of the plant combination are used to cover the current demand of the plant combination. The current proportion of the externally obtained current (15) with respect to the total current demand of the plant combination is defined as variable process quantity and the useful-gas amount (N1) fed to the power plant process is determined in dependence on said process quantity.