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Order for SMS Demag

ThyssenKrupp Steel orders three coiler systems

ThyssenKrupp Steel AG has placed an order with SMS Demag, Germany, to supply three new coilers for the hot strip mill in Bruckhausen, Germany. The supply scope includes the mechanical equipment, the complete electrical and automation systems and a new process model for the cooling section.

The new coilers, of the latest design with Step Control, are to replace the existing coiler system. Together with the customer, a revamping concept has been developed with a view to minimizing the necessary plant shutdown. Four brief shutdowns of 16 and 36 hours respectively and one continuous shutdown of nine days will be needed for the entire revamping. Operation with two coilers will definitely take place throughout the full revamping period from May till September 2007, with the exception of four days, and therefore no production losses are to be expected.

As early as the year 2000, SMS Demag had modernized the finishing mill and, in 2005, the roughing mill. Once the new coiler system has been modernized, the Bruckhausen hot strip mill, erected in 1955, will again become a high-output, state-of-the-art facility.

SMS Demag AG forms part of the Metallurgical Plant and Rolling Mill Technology Business Area of the SMS group.

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SMS GmbH is the holding for a group of companies internationally active in plant construction and mechanical engineering relating to the processing of steel, non-ferrous metals and plastics. The group is divided into the Business Areas of Metallurgical Plant and Rolling Mill Technology, Tube, Long Product and Forging Technology and Plastics Technology. In the year 2004 some 9,500 employees worldwide generated a turnover of about EUR 2.20 bn.