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Order for Concast AG

Riva orders billet caster

Riva, Milan, Italy, have awarded Concast, Switzerland, a contract for the supply of a three(four)-strand CONVEX[®] billet caster for their Caronno Pertusella works.

The billet caster has a radius of twelve meters with continuous unbending section.

The cast sizes are 200 x 200 and 260 x 260 mm (in the future 300 mm round). The steel grades processed will include carbon and alloyed steels for the production of forgings and automotive parts, boron steels, spring steels and free-cutting steels.

The new technological systems and equipment to be supplied of Concast CONVEX[®] technology include CONVEX[®] copper tubes, stopper control, electromagnetic final stirrer, hydraulically operated compact type oscillator and air-mist secondary cooling system. The billet caster will be equipped with a state-of-the-art Level 2 automation system both for actual plant operation as well as for the complete control of the casting process.

Commissioning of the new caster is scheduled for mid-June 2007.

Concast AG forms part of the Metallurgical Plant and Rolling Mill

Technology Business Area of the SMS group.

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