

PRESS RELEASE

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Order for SMS Demag

Modernization of continuous annealing line at ThyssenKrupp Steel

ThyssenKrupp Steel AG, Dortmund, has placed an order with SMS Demag, both Germany for the first modernization stage of its continuous annealing line in cold rolling mill no. 3 in Dortmund. The line, which went into operation in 1985, has a production capacity of 65,000 tons per month.

SMS Demag will in various steps supply a complete set of new electrical equipment for the continuous annealing line. As part of the first stage, functions covering all production levels such as the material tracking system, quality data recording system, Level 2 and the basic automation system for the strip exit area will be replaced and implemented within a short modification period. In addition, a novel flatness measuring roller including control system will be installed.

The scope of the order also includes a new four-high skin-pass mill with modern greasing and roll cleaning technology using liquid nitrogen. The newly developed technologies ensure a longer utilization of the work roll, thus reducing operating costs. Moreover, the new technologies employed will improve the quality of the strip surface.

The first stage of modernization will be completed in June 2007.

SMS Demag AG forms part of the Metallurgical Plant and Rolling Mill

Technology Business Area of the SMS group.

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