

## **PRESS RELEASE**

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### A modernization order for SMS Demag AG

#### **EKO Stahl orders new control systems for two converters**

EKO Stahl of Eisenhüttenstadt, Germany, and part of the Arcelor Group, has commissioned SMS Demag, Germany, with the modernization of the electrical engineering equipment for the four-motor converter tilt drive systems, including the pertaining steel transfer cars, for the two 250-ton basic oxygen furnaces.

The supply scope includes revamping of the open and closed-loop drive control systems for speed and torque synchronization by means of state-of-the-art power converters and programmable logic controls, including the associated operator control stations. The extension of the modern process control system through the additional visualization for the tilt drive systems likewise forms part of the supply scope.

This modernization of the converter tilt drives will make it possible to respond precisely to the constantly changing requirements which arise from the different process stages.

Commissioning of the new system is scheduled for July 2006.

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.