

PRESS RELEASE

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SMS Demag AG expands plate mill at Xiangtan

Xiangtan Iron & Steel Company, Ltd., PR China, has placed an order with SMS Demag, Germany, for the supply of a cold plate leveler and a dividing shear. The facilities will be installed in conjunction with the construction of a new heat treatment line.

The cold plate leveler is equipped with single-roll adjustment system and single drive of the leveling rolls. This makes it possible to level with nine as well as with five leveling rolls. Xiangtan is thus able to obtain a substantially larger leveling range compared with conventional levelers. The cold plate leveler features the automation systems and leveling models of SMS Demag.

The dividing shear is provided for further cross-cutting and for the removal of samples. The shear is designed as a rolling cut-type shear with state-of-the-art housing. The rolling cut principle combined with the new compact design guarantees good cutting quality.

The new cold plate leveler and the dividing shear will be put into operation in the autumn of 2007.

SMS Demag supplied the 3,800-mm heavy-plate rolling mill which was successfully commissioned in September 2005. The scope of supply included a two-stand plate mill, the shearing line as well as the entire automation system for the mill.

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

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