

## **PRESS RELEASE**

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### Order for SMS Demag AG

#### **SMS Demag modernizes hot strip mill for NLMK**

NLMK AG (Novolipetsk Iron and Steel Works) of Russia has commissioned SMS Demag, Germany, to modernize the finishing train for the hot strip mill 2000 at the Lipetsk Works.

The scope of supply includes the complete renovation of the entry and exit guides of the stands, the work-roll cooling system, loopers as well as all requisite utility systems. New installations include an inter-stand cooling system and a roll gap cooling system.

For the installation of these new facilities, a twelve-day shutdown period and regular repair shifts are required.

These measures constitute an important step towards continuous improvement of product quality and increased hot strip capacity.

Commissioning is scheduled for the spring of 2008.

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 2005 some 9,250 employees worldwide generated a turnover of about EUR 2.33 bn.