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Order for SMS Demag AG

Second order within a year for the modernization of coiler units at ThyssenKrupp Steel

ThyssenKrupp Steel AG, Germany, has placed an order with SMS Demag, Germany, for the supply of three new coiler units for the hot strip mill in Beeckerwerth. SMS Demag has thus received two orders within a year for the modernization of coiler units in the hot strip mills in Duisburg.

The scope of supply includes three shiftable coilers, including all pertaining mechanical equipment, utility systems as well as the entire electrical and automation systems.

The fully hydraulic three-roll coilers are designed for tube grades up to a thickness of 25.4 mm.

A revamping concept has been developed with the customer which has been adapted to the planned short shutdown periods and blocks of shutdown periods. No further shutdown periods are required.

This modernization is a systematic continuation of ThyssenKrupp Steel's strategy to ensure that the Beeckerwerth hot strip mill is always state-of-the-art, with the aim of meeting the continuously growing customer requirements on the market for high-strength tube grades.

Commissioning of the first coiler unit has been scheduled for December 2007.

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.