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New order for Concast AG

Growing demand for vacuum-treated steel

Kardemir A.S. with head office in Karabük, Turkey, has awarded to Concast, Switzerland, an order for a 90-t vacuum degassing facility with mechanical vacuum pumps.

The vacuum facility is to be integrated into the existing process chain in order to treat the steel arriving from the 90-t BOF.

The supply scope comprises both mechanical and electrical components, including three-stage mechanical pumps, filters and dust collecting facility, as well as wire infeed and Level 2 automation.

Intensive consultancy services and technical support regarding the production of vacuum-treated steel are integral parts of the contract.

Commissioning is scheduled for January 2007.

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

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