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Order for SMS Mevac GmbH

Eighth RH-TOP plant for Anshan Iron & Steel

Anshan Iron & Steel Co. Ltd. – located in Anshan, Liaoning, China, has awarded SMS Mevac, Germany, a contract to supply a further RH-TOP plant.

The plant will incorporate a fast-vessel-exchange system with hydraulic ladle lifting and will be equipped with a metallurgical TOP lance. Vacuum is achieved by a four-stage steam ejector vacuum pump.

The ladle is transported between the hand-over position and the treatment position by means of a ladle turret, thus increasing the availability of the unit while reducing the utilization of the crane. The equipment necessary for snorkel maintenance is located on the ladle turret.

The new plant will be used predominantly for the production of flat products.

The scope of supply includes delivery of key components, a major portion of the electrical equipment and instrumentation, a metallurgical model as well as supervision of installation and commissioning.

Commissioning of the eighth RH plant is scheduled for early 2008.

SMS Mevac GmbH 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.