

PRESS RELEASE

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Order for SMS Mevac GmbH

Duplex RH plant for Qinhuangdao Shouqin Metal

China Shougang International Trade & Engineering Corp., located in Beijing, China, has awarded SMS Mevac, Germany, a contract to supply a Duplex RH recirculation degassing plant with two treatment positions.

The new plant will be designed to treat heats with a nominal weight of 100 t. Each treatment position is equipped with a hydraulic ladle lifting system, a metallurgical TOP-lance and a vacuum lock system for the charging of alloying materials.

The vacuum is achieved using a four-stage steam ejector vacuum pump with variable pressure reduction rate for optimized process control.

The new unit will mainly be used for the production of IF grades, automotive sheet as well as pipe steels.

The scope includes delivery of key components, the complete hardware and software for the process computer, training of customer's personnel and supervision of erection and commissioning.

Commissioning of the RH plant is scheduled for mid-2007.

SMS Mevac GmbH forms part of the Metallurgical Plant and Rolling Mill Technology Business Area of the SMS group. (22 lines with max. 55 letters)

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