

PRESS RELEASE

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Order for SMS Demag AG

First two-stand aluminum cold rolling mill for China

CSWA Cold Rolling Co., Ltd. (Southwest Aluminium), China, which belongs to the Chinalco Group, has placed an order with SMS Demag, Germany, for the supply of a two-stand cold rolling mill for aluminum and aluminum alloys.

The ceremony for the signing of the contract took place in the Great Hall of the People in Beijing which underlines the significance of this new plant for China. The two-stand cold rolling mill constitutes the core of an investment package by means of which CSWA intends to increase its cold rolling capacity to more than half a million tons per year. The new mill will produce tin-can strip, paneling and litho material for the printing industry. The cold strip can be rolled up to a width of 1,800 mm and a maximum final thickness of 0.15 mm.

SMS Demag is the technical and commercial leader of an international consortium.

The supply scope of SMS Demag covers a two-stand tandem mill, three Multi-Plate plate filters for best rolling oil purity as well as a large Airwash exhaust-air cleaning system. Thanks to the use of these SMS Demag technologies, exacting environmental standards are met and resources are economically used.

The new rolling mill is equipped with ultra-modern actuators and technological control systems. Both stands are designed with the CVC6 plus[®] technology. Such a multi-stand mill is particularly sophisticated in terms of technology because of the temperature sensitivity of the rolling oil used for the cold rolling of aluminum.

The mill stands as well as all core components are manufactured in SMS Demag's workshop in Germany.

Commissioning is scheduled for the spring of 2009.

The Chinalco Group was founded in 2001 as part of the restructuring measures in the Chinese aluminum industry. Today it includes numerous production facilities for primary aluminum and semi-finished products. The Southwest Aluminium Works is considered a technology center within the Chinalco Group. It is located in the Xipeng District of Chongqing, the metropolis of 30 million at the upper course of the Yangtze river.

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.