

PRESS RELEASE

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Order for SMS Demag AG

Salzgitter Flachstahl orders converter

Salzgitter Flachstahl GmbH, Germany, has awarded SMS Demag, Germany, a contract for the modernization of converter "B" at its Salzgitter LD meltshop. Converters "A" and "C" had been previously modernized by SMS Demag in 2000 and, respectively, 2001.

The scope of supply includes the converter vessel with trunnion ring and slag skirt. The converter will feature the lamella suspension system developed by SMS Demag.

The lamella suspension system is a tried-and-tested design for the constraint-free suspension of the converter vessel in the trunnion ring. The maintenance-free lamella type converter suspension system has been successfully installed to meltshop owners' full satisfaction in more than 100 converters around the world.

Existing components such as the converter tilt drive, bearings and bearing supports as well as the converter doghouse will be re-used.

The revamp will raise the converter volume by 35 cubic meters, which is expected to extend the service life of the wear lining.

Commissioning is scheduled to take place in April 2007.

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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 on the one hand into the Business Areas SMS Demag and SMS Meer under SMS metallurgy and, on the other hand, into the Business Area SMS Plastics Technology. In the year 2005 some 9,250 employees worldwide generated a turnover of about EUR 2.33 bn.