

PRESS RELEASE

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Order for SMS Demag AG

UGINE & ALZ modernizes four-high cold rolling mill

The specialty steelmaker UGINE & ALZ Belgium NV (Arcelor Mittal Group), with headquarters in Genk, Belgium, has placed an order with SMS Demag, Germany, to supply the essential components for a CVC[®] four-high reversing cold mill.

The overall plant consists of a CVC[®] four-high reversing stand, supplied by SMS Demag in 1988 to what was then Arbed. SMS Demag is modernizing the plant, which has meanwhile been acquired by UGINE & ALZ, and is re-erecting it at the Genk location.

The plant will be used for producing cold-rolled specialty steel of the grade AISI 300 (austenite) with a good surface quality.

The reversing mill is designed for the rolling of hot strip with maximum incoming gages of up to 5.0 mm. The cold-rolled finished product will have final gages of 0.6 to 3.0 mm and strip widths of 800 to 1,600 mm.

The mill stand, equipped with CVC[®] technology, HS shifting system and work-roll bending, is adapted to the requirements of specialty steel production. As a special feature, it includes a modified system for the rapid changing of the work rolls.

The plant is completed by the necessary coil conveying equipment and new entry and exit sections for the mill stand. These new plant components serve to increase the rolling capacity of the stand, to reduce the non-productive times required for coil loading and discharging and, consequently, to optimize the productivity of the overall plant.

The stand has a maximum rolling force of 22 MN at a rolling speed of max. 800 m/min. The motive power of the electrical main drives represents a total capacity of 13,000 kW.

With this new investment, four-high stand technology further enhances the cold rolling technology for specialty steel production already installed by SMS Demag at the Genk location (CVC[®]-6 stand, multi-roll cold-rolling stand, CVC[®]-2 stand).

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