

PRESS RELEASE

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Order for SMS Demag AG

AG der Dillinger Hütte places order for dividing shear and modernization of its crop shear

The AG der Dillinger Hütte has awarded a contract to SMS Demag, a company of the SMS group, Germany, for the modernization and upgrading of the shear line of the heavy plate mill in Dillingen/Saar, Germany.

SMS Demag's scope of supply includes a new dividing shear and the modernization and upgrading of the existing crop shear. The aim of the revamp is to adapt the shear line to meet more exacting requirements.

The new dividing shear cuts plates up to a thickness of 50 mm at a maximum tensile strength of 1,200 N/mm². The dividing shear is of a closed-housing design. Thanks to the high rigidity of the structure, it is possible to cut also higher-strength plates accurately, ensuring straight edges. In addition to the dividing shear itself, SMS Demag is also supplying a new knife changing system, scrap conveying facilities, the traversable stop, a shear depressing table and all pertaining utility systems.

In the crop shear, SMS Demag will be replacing main components, such as the crankshafts, the bottom knife table, the top knife slide and the knife cartridges, thus optimizing the kinematics of the shear. The knife cartridges of the crop shear and of the dividing shear are of identical design and thus interchangeable.

After a three-week shutdown period for revamping, the new systems will be put into operation in October 2008.

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SMS group is, under the roof of the holding SMS GmbH, a group of companies internationally active in plant construction and mechanical engineering for the steel and nonferrous metals industry. It essentially consists of the two Business Areas SMS Demag and SMS Meer, which jointly form SMS metallurgy. In 2006, some 9,000 employees worldwide generated a turnover of about EUR 2.8 bn.