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Hot and cold rolling complex for Alabama location

SMS Demag attracts major order from ThyssenKrupp Steel

ThyssenKrupp Steel AG has awarded SMS Demag AG, a company of the SMS group, the order for a hot strip mill and a cold rolling complex. The plants are destined for Alabama, where ThyssenKrupp is building a new works. The two parties agreed on confidentiality regarding the value of the order.

The hot strip mill covers the entire production range for all grades from carbon to stainless steel, and is designed for an annual production of 5.4 million metric tons. That makes it the world's largest facility of this type for manufacturing quality, high-strength steels e. g. for the automotive industry.

The cold rolling complex consists of a coupled pickling/tandem mill capable of producing 2.5 million metric tons of cold strip per year, plus a continuous pickling line and a skin-passing mill.

Erection of the plants in Alabama will start in early 2008, and completion is scheduled for March 2010.

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