

PRESS RELEASE

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Order for SMS Demag AG

Visakhapatnam Steel Plant contract for X-Melt BOF meltshop

Visakhapatnam Steel Plant (VSP), India, has awarded SMS Demag, a company of the SMS group, Germany, acting as leader of an international consortium, a contract for the supply of an X-Melt BOF meltshop for an annual production of 2.8 million t of liquid steel. As part of this expansion project with its associated increase in production to 6.3 million t, the supply of two X-Melt ladle furnaces and of a 150-t RH-TOP vacuum degasser for the production of high-quality steel was also agreed.

Supplies for the X-Melt BOF meltshop will comprise two 150-t BOF converters and core components including a converter-gas recovery plant, change-over and export station, additives supply system, oxygen lance system, bottom stirring equipment and the patented lamella suspension system. In addition, SMS Demag will supply the converter gear unit with four frequency-controlled drive motors, which will be manufactured at SMS Demag's own workshops in Hilchenbach, Germany. Also included in the supply will be the primary and secondary dedusting system. The complete BOF meltshop including RH degasser and ladle furnaces will be equipped with Level 2 process control models. The scope of supply also includes the production planning system (Level 3).

Commissioning of the meltshop is scheduled for the end of 2009.

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