

PRESS RELEASE

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X-Melt® ladle furnace successfully taken into operation at Georgsmarienhütte

SMS Demag AG, a company of the SMS group, Germany, has successfully taken into operation the 140-t ladle furnace supplied to Georgsmarienhütte GmbH, Germany.

The order awarded to SMS Demag comprised the manufacture, erection and commissioning of plant and equipment for the secondary metallurgical field. The supply scope included a 140-t ladle furnace with a transformer capacity of 25 MVA, the water supply and treatment system, a stirring-gas control station and the ladle transfer car. The existing ladle furnace at the Georgsmarienhütte works was modernized as part of this new plant-building project. SMS Demag has supplied a common dust collecting facility for the two ladle furnaces, carbon injection systems, a T&S lance, a transfer station for the two ladle furnaces, and the electrical and automation systems.

Georgsmarienhütte's aim of achieving increased production in addition to improving the metallurgical treatment possibilities was optimally realized by the acquisition of this new plant.

Georgsmarienhütte GmbH produces steel bars, semi-finished products and bright steel from quality steel and high-grade structural steel and delivers predominantly to the automotive industry as well as its suppliers.

X-Melt® is an SMS Demag trademark from the Steelmaking Division. It is the brand name for plants and technologies that set standards for the economical production of high-quality liquid steel.

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