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Order for SMS Demag AG

X-Cast stainless-steel slab caster for Salem Steel Plant, India

Salem Steel Plant, a company of the S.A.I.L. group (Steel Authority of India), has awarded SMS Demag, a company of the SMS group, Germany, a contract for the supply of a single-strand continuous casting machine for the production of slabs of stainless steel grades.

The X-Cast slab caster is rated for the production of 140 to 200 mm thick and 600 to 1,300 mm wide slabs at a maximum attainable casting speed of 1.5 m/min. The unit is designed to produce 300,000 t of slabs per year.

The scope of supply comprises the detail engineering, mechanical equipment, hydraulic system, as well as the complete X-Pact® electrical equipment and automation package including process models.

Commissioning is scheduled for the beginning of 2010.

Salem Steel Plant can offer a wide range of hot- and cold-rolled as well as surface-treated stainless steel strip. The new slab caster will in the future cover the continuous demand for slabs.

X-Cast is an SMS Demag trademark from the Continuous Casting Division. It is the brand name for plants and technologies that set standards for the economical production of high-quality slabs.

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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 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.