

PRESS RELEASE

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A new company founded: SMS ELEX AG

Environmental engineering and filter systems for steelmaking

To strengthen their activities in the field of environmental engineering, SMS Demag AG, a company of the SMS group, Germany, together with Elex AG jointly founded a new company, SMS ELEX AG, on October 1, 2008. This company has its headquarters in Schwerzenbach near Zurich, Switzerland.

By setting up SMS ELEX AG, SMS Demag and Elex wish to jointly further pursue their strategy of improving the environmental and energy balance of their plants and of making their processes more economical for their customers.

In future, SMS ELEX AG will produce a new generation of filter systems for cleaning flue gas in steelworks. These filters effectively remove dust from the process gases while keeping costs low and thereby meet the most stringent environmental standards. The new company will also be focusing on the development of new flue-gas cleaning technologies for steelmaking.

SMS Demag and Elex have a history of successful cooperation on numerous orders in the field of electrostatic precipitators. The setting-up of SMS ELEX AG will serve to further consolidate and enhance the close relations between both companies.

Elex AG is a world leader in the field of flue-gas cleaning and offers electrostatic filters, hybrid filters and catalytic nitrogen-removal systems.

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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 2007, some 8,000 employees worldwide generated a turnover of about EUR 3.0 bn.