

PRESS RELEASE

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X-Cast[®] continuous slab caster successfully commissioned at Amurmetal by SMS Demag AG

SMS Demag, a company of the SMS group, Germany, has successfully put into operation an X-Cast[®] single-strand continuous slab caster for Amurmetal, Komsomolsk-on-Amur, Russia.

The SMS Demag supply scope contained the mechanical equipment, supervision of erection and commissioning and the training of the operating personnel. SMS Demag also supplied the complete X-Pact[®] electrical and automation package, starting with the power supply and the drives (Level 0), followed by the basic automation (Level 1) and the metallurgical process models (Level 2) and finally the production planning system (Level 3).

The slab caster is designed for slabs in the gages 150, 200 and 250 mm and widths between 1,000 and 1,900 mm. The designed annual capacity of the caster is 1 million t of steel slabs.

Amurmetal uses several continuous casters to produce long and flat products. A large proportion of the products are exported to South-East Asia. Komsomolsk-on-Amur is an important industrial center for ferrous metallurgy, machine construction, oil refining, shipbuilding and aeronautical engineering.

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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