

PRESS RELEASE

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**X-Cast[®] stainless-steel slab caster put successfully
into operation at Salem Steel Plant by SMS Siemag**

For Salem Steel Plant, a company of the SAIL group (Steel Authority of India Ltd), SMS Siemag, Germany, has successfully put into operation a single-strand slab caster for the production of slabs of various stainless-steel grades.

The X-Cast[®] slab caster produces slabs in thicknesses of 140 to 200 mm and widths of 600 to 1,300 mm at a maximum casting speed of 1.5 m/min. The unit is designed to produce 300,000 t of slabs per year.

The SMS Siemag supply scope comprised the provision of the complete caster including all equipment for utilities as well as the complete X-Pact[®] electrical and automation package inclusive of the process models.

Salem Steel Plant, located in the south of India in the state of Tamil Nadu, offers a wide range of hot- and cold-rolled as well as surface-treated stainless-steel strip. The new slab caster will meet the demand for slabs.

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