

PRESS RELEASE

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Novelis do Brasil Ltda. orders two-stand cold rolling mill for aluminum from SMS Siemag

The first tandem mill of its type in South America

SMS Siemag, Germany, has received an order from Novelis do Brasil Ltda. in Pindamonhangaba, Sao Paulo, Brazil, to supply a new two-stand cold rolling mill for aluminum alloys. The two-stand tandem mill is the first of its type in South America.

The new tandem cold mill will be used for manufacturing can stock for the beverage industry. The products will comprise strip in widths of up to 2,000 mm and with a minimum final gage of 0.15 mm. The mill will be designed for an annual capacity of 330,000 t.

The key components of this high-capacity mill are highly efficient roll bending systems, multizone roll cooling and the hydraulic roll adjustment system. A coil preparation station, an offline strip inspection facility and a pallet transport system from SMS Siemag complete and enhance the rolling mill, which will produce cold-rolled aluminum strips for high quality standards.

The SMS Siemag technology is already well known and held in high esteem by the customer due to previous supplies of equipment. An aluminum hot strip mill that had been relocated and comprehensively revamped by SMS Siemag commenced operation in Pindamonhangaba in 1999.

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