

PRESS RELEASE

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Order for SMS Siemag

Expansion of Continuous Caster 3 at Salzgitter Flachstahl

Salzgitter Flachstahl GmbH, a company of the Salzgitter Group, has placed an order with SMS Siemag, Germany, for the expansion of the single-strand slab caster No. 3. The aim is to maintain and also increase the casting speed, in particular for small casting widths, thereby enhancing the production capacity.

With Continuous Caster 3 supplied by SMS Siemag in 2004 for slabs with thicknesses of 250 mm and widths of 850 to 2,100 mm, Salzgitter Flachstahl's range of steel grades was expanded with a focus on IF steels, C steels, I steels, microalloyed strengths and sourgas-resistant steels.

The continuous caster was designed with a view to ensuring that it could be expanded to include three segment places, i.e. segments 13-15. Segment 13 will now be installed to increase the production capacity.

SMS Siemag's scope of supply essentially includes segment 13, the mechanical equipment, the adaptations of the electrical and automation systems and hydraulic equipment, the supervision of erection and time schedules as well as commissioning.

The expansion will take place during a short shutdown phase and without interrupting the production of other continuous casters. Restarting has been scheduled for the spring of 2012.

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