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### Order from India including environmental technology

#### **SMS Siemag to modernize Vizag Steel converter shop**

Visakhapatnam Steel Plant (Vizag Steel), India, has contracted SMS Siemag, Germany, as the leader of a consortium for the modernization and expansion of their converter shop No. 1 in Visakhapatnam. The aim is to increase annual production from 3.2 to 3.6 million t of steel as well as to improve environmental protection by installing an SMS Siemag gas cleaning system.

The scope of supply comprises the engineering and manufacturing of core components for three new 150-t converter vessels with tilting drives, matching oxygen lances and bottom stirring equipment, the modernization of the primary dedusting system as well as the secondary dedusting system. The gas cleaning system will be executed as a wet dust-collection facility complete with Venturi scrubber.

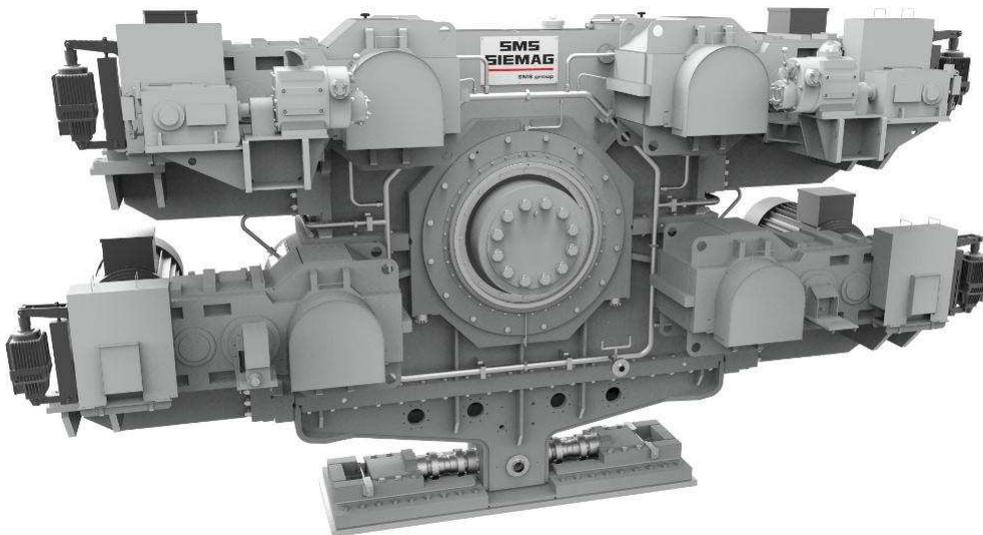
SMS Siemag will be responsible for the entire installation and commissioning work. The company's converter shop No. 1 will be equipped with X-Pact<sup>®</sup> electrical and automation systems for the main plants and auxiliary systems.

Commissioning is scheduled for the first quarter of 2014.

For the customer Vizag Steel, SMS Siemag is currently building an X-Melt<sup>®</sup> converter shop at the same location. The new converter shop No. 2 is to produce 2.8 million t of liquid steel per year.

X-Melt<sup>®</sup> is an SMS Siemag trademark from the Steelmaking Division. It is the brand name for plants and technologies that set standards for the economical production of high-quality liquid steel.

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