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**SMS group: Joint project “Horizontal Strip Casting of Steel” –
nominated for Federal President’s German Future Award 2014**

Today, the Federal President’s Office nominated three innovation projects for the German Future Award 2014 – Federal President’s Award for Technology and Innovation

This means the joint project “Horizontal Thin Strip Casting of Steel” conducted by Salzgitter Flachstahl GmbH, SMS Siemag AG, a company of the SMS group, and the Technical University of Clausthal has made it through to the final round. As the people responsible for the project, Ulrich Grethe, CEO of Salzgitter Flachstahl GmbH (Project Spokesman), Burkhard Dahmen, CEO of SMS Siemag AG and Spokesman of the Managing Board of SMS Holding GmbH, and Prof. Karl-Heinz Spitzer, Head of the Institute for Metallurgy at TU Clausthal, are directly nominated for the prize.

So it looks like a close-run contest for the project teams. The jury will choose the winning team of 2014 on November 19, 2014, then President Joachim Gauck will award the winners with this major German science prize during a ceremony in Berlin.

To ensure the industrial-scale implementation of the project “Horizontal Strip Casting of Steel”, the Salzgitter group invested at its

Peine location in an industrial pilot plant that is currently undergoing a successful run-up phase.

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