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New products and services for the NF market

**SMS group and Mettop establish the Joint Venture
PolyMet Solutions GmbH**

SMS group GmbH, Germany, and Mettop GmbH, Austria, founded the joint venture “PolyMet Solutions GmbH” in May 2016, with each company possessing 50 percent of the shares. PolyMet Solutions GmbH is an independent company with headquarters in Leoben, Austria. The Managing Director is Dr. Andreas Filzwieser.

The joint venture will enable SMS group to expand its range of products and services by the planning and supply of plant and equipment for the production of copper, lead, zinc, tin and other non-ferrous metals. PolyMet Solutions will offer innovative processes and solutions for primary concentrate melters, converters (such as Peirce Smith converters) and anode furnaces. It will thus be possible to supply complete process routes, extending as far as electrolysis and the subsequent processing of semi-finished products.

SMS group GmbH is one of the world’s leading companies in the field of metallurgical plantmaking and mechanical engineering and, in the 2015 fiscal year, it generated sales of around EUR 3.3 billion with approx. 14,000 employees. In the 2015 fiscal year and with 18 employees, Mettop achieved annual sales of EUR 3 million and for the past ten years has been operating successfully in the fields of

engineering, supply of core components and refractory design for the non-ferrous metals industry. Mettop has attained a special position on the international market thanks to its core products ILTEC cooling technology and METTOP-BRX electrolysis technology.

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From left to right:

Dr. Andreas Filzwieser, Managing Director of PolyMet Solutions GmbH, Dr. Rolf Degel, Dr. Iris Filzwieser, Dr. Guido Kleinschmidt, Member of the Managing Board of SMS group, Ralf Nörthemann, Johannes Joubert.

The SMS group is a group of companies internationally active in plant construction and mechanical engineering for the steel and nonferrous metals industry. Its 14,000 employees generate sales of over EUR 3.3 bn.