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Flexible market response through mixed casting mode

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SMS Concast, a subsidiary of the SMS group (www.sms-group.com), had been awarded the contract to supply a new four-strand beam blank caster as a replacement for an older caster at PT. Gunung Garuda in Bekasi, Indonesia. The new beam blank caster today produces two section sizes (460 mm x 400 mm x 110 mm and 300 mm x 250 mm x 90 mm) in SBQ quality at an increased capacity of 800,000 tons per year.

In addition, the new beam blank caster is capable of operating in the mixed casting mode, casting two different sections simultaneously. With the mixed mode it is also possible to cast only three instead of four strands (see picture). This allows PT. Gunung Garuda to flexibly react to the market demand and strengthen their competitive position.

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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.