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New order from Romania

**TMK-ARTROM orders heat treatment line for tubes  
from SMS group**

TMK-ARTROM, located in Slatina, Romania, has placed an order with SMS group ([www.sms-group.com](http://www.sms-group.com)) to supply a heat treatment line for tubes. The plant serves for the production of seamless tubes, OCTG pipes (Oil Country Tubular Goods) as well as high-strength tubes for mechanical applications. The annual capacity is 160,000 tons. With the installation of this plant, TMK-ARTROM is strengthening its presence on the market with tubes for mechanical applications and for oil and gas exploration. The plant is scheduled to commence operation in the second quarter of 2017.

The heat treatment line ordered by TMK-ARTROM consists of an austenitizing furnace with walking beam transport system, a quenching head, a quenching tank, a walking beam tempering furnace and a cooling bed. The line allows carrying out various process steps, such as quenching, tempering and normalizing.

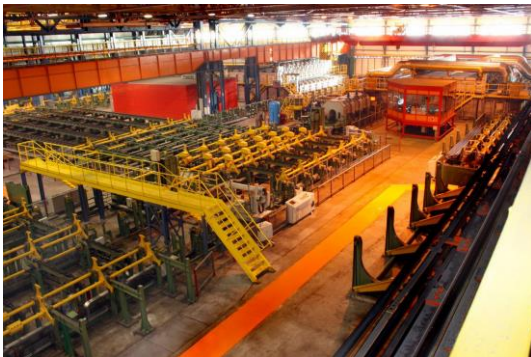
The heat treatment line will be able to treat tubes up to a wall thickness of 60 millimeters. Thanks to the high product flexibility, the plant is also suitable for the cost-effective processing of small batch sizes and different product groups. Eco-friendly recuperative burners with very low nitrogen oxide (NOx) emissions in the furnaces allow

fuel savings of up to five percent compared with conventional burners.

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The fully automated quenching head allows a very fast and homogenous cooling of the tubes.



The annealing furnace is heated with eco-friendly, digitally controlled recuperation burners (picture of a similar plant).

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