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## **PRESS RELEASE**

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### **New integrated minimill for expanded product portfolio**

#### **EI Marakby trusts once again in SMS group**

After the successful commissioning of the new meltshop and caster supplied by SMS group ([www.sms-group.com](http://www.sms-group.com)) in 2012, EI Marakby Steel, based in 6th of October City (Cairo), Egypt, has awarded SMS group the order to supply a new rolling mill for bar and wire rod. The new minimill will be designed for the production of straight rebars and wire rod coils and will enable EI Marakby to expand its product portfolio and meet the increased demand of both rebars and wire rod coils in Egypt.

The mill will be designed to produce at a capacity of 400,000 tons per year, taking advantage of the hot connection with the existing caster. Starting with square 130-millimeter billets and heated up to temperature by a 70 ton per hour modern pusher furnace, it will be able to produce both rebars from 10 to 32 millimeters and wire rod coils from 5.5 to 12 millimeters. The state-of-the art HSD<sup>®</sup> (High Speed Delivery System) will allow reaching the full production capacity for the whole bar line size range, definitely increasing the material yield. The high-speed finishing block with rolling modules in ultra-heavy duty design will produce quality wire rods at minimized operational costs. Moreover, the rolling mill will be controlled through a Level 2 automation system provided by SMS group.

The minimill plant, completely supplied by SMS group, will become the new reference benchmark for the market in terms of high technology, quality, efficiency and low operational costs.

Commissioning of the new rolling mill is scheduled for December 2018.

The contract has been negotiated between El Marakby Steel and SMS group, with the support of the Zulficar & Partners Law Firm.

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Contract signing ceremony: (from left) Enea Pasquali, Marco Fattori, Flavio Tremonti (all SMS group), Hassan M. Elmarakby (Chairman El Marakby), Waheed Said Nour (Meltshop Manager El Marakby), Sherif El Borollossy, Mohammed Zada (Executive Commercial Director El Marakby).

SMS group is a group of companies internationally active in plant construction and mechanical engineering for the steel and nonferrous metals industry. It has some 13,500 employees who generate worldwide sales of more than EUR 3 billion. The sole owner of the holding company SMS GmbH is the Familie Weiss Foundation.