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Nam Kim Steel Joint Stock Company reiterates its trust in cold rolling mills from SMS group operating Vietnam`s first CCM[®]

Vietnamese Nam Kim Steel Joint Stock Company has successfully put into operation the new CCM[®] (Compact Cold Mill), supplied by SMS group (www.sms-group.com). The CCM[®], the first of this kind in Vietnam, complements the single-stand reversing cold mill supplied by SMS group in 2015.

With the CCM[®], Nam Kim Steel Joint Stock Company is increasing its annual capacity by a further 435,000 tons of high-grade cold strip in the final gage range from 2.0 down to 0.2 millimeters.

The mill operator`s trust in Esmech Equipment Pvt. Ltd., a joint venture of SMS group, has again been fully satisfied. The quality-critical key components of the mill were made by SMS group in Germany.

The technological features of the CCM[®] include CVC[®]plus, X-Pact[®] electrical and automation systems and an X-Shape flatness measuring and control system. The high-grade finished strip produced with this technology is wound into coils at both tension reels with the support of belt wrappers. Devices for quick work and

intermediate roll changes reduce idle times, contributing favorably to the productivity of the mill.

The dedicated and targeted cooperation of all parties involved was the basis for the smooth and flawless rolling of the first coil in line with the project schedule.

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Commissioning of the first CCM[®] in Vietnam at Kim Steel Joint Stock Company.



The mill, featuring latest high-performance components, leaves nothing to be desired in terms of productivity, efficiency and strip quality.

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.