

PRESS RELEASE

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Order for SMS Demag AG

Electric steel plant X-Melt and continuous slab caster X-Cast for Maghreb Steel

Maghreb Steel, Morocco, has awarded to SMS Demag, a company of the SMS group, Germany, an order to construct an electric steel plant X-Melt and a single-strand continuous slab caster X-Cast. The facilities are designed for an annual production of 1.0 million t of steel and will supply the Steckel rolling mill with input stock. The product mix comprises low- and medium-carbon steels and high-strength, low-alloy steels. SMS Demag received the order to supply the twin-stand Steckel mill already in 2007.

The SMS Demag supply scope consists of a 120-t electric arc furnace with modern ARCESS[®] technology, a 120-t ladle furnace, a dust collecting facility and the materials management system for alloying agents. Also contained in the SMS Demag supply scope is a single-strand slab caster for the production of slabs in widths of 900 mm to 2,150 mm and a thickness of 200 mm.

SMS Demag will be supplying the detail engineering, mechanical equipment and hydraulic system, as well as the complete X-Pact[®] electrical equipment and automation package including process models. Commissioning is scheduled for the beginning of 2011.

Maghreb Steel is one of the largest companies in the North African region for the manufacture of cold-rolled products and has its head office in Casablanca. Most of the exported products are hot-dip galvanized sheets and plates. The hot strip needed for these has hitherto been imported.

This new investment enables the customer to cover the entire range from liquid steel to the final product and thus allows him to achieve a higher value-added.

X-Melt and X-Cast are SMS Demag trademarks from the Steel-making Plants/Continuous Casting Technology Division. They are the brand names for plants and technologies that set standards for the economical production of high-quality steel products.

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SMS group is, under the roof of the holding SMS GmbH, a group of companies internationally active in plant construction and mechanical engineering for the steel and nonferrous metals industry. It consists of the two Business Areas SMS Demag and SMS Meer, which jointly form SMS metallurgy. In 2006, some 9,000 employees worldwide generated a turnover of about EUR 2.8 bn.