

## **PRESS RELEASE**

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### New order for SMS Meer GmbH

#### **Cooperation between Oto Mills S.p.A. and SMS Meer**

In cooperation with Oto Mills S.p.A., Italy, SMS Meer, Mönchengladbach, Germany, has received an order for the production of an RD 220 tube welding line and strip accumulator.

The tube welding line operates with a maximum welding speed of 80 m/min. It can produce tubes with outside diameters ranging from 60.3 to 219.1 mm and is also designed for the production of tubular sections – the possible dimensions range from 50 mm x 50 mm to 180 mm x 180 mm and from 70 mm x 30 mm to 240 mm x 120 mm.

The entry line incorporates the latest Oto Mills automated technology. All the stands have SMS Meer's proven URD<sup>®</sup> design. The computer-aided Quicksetting system enables an exact and reproducible roll setting. Furthermore, the automated roll quick-change system ensures short size-changing times with a resulting high availability of the line. The Oto Mills cutting machine is the twin cold saw cut-off unit ensuring a free-of-burrs cut.

SMS Meer GmbH forms part of the Tube, Long Product and Forging Technology Business Area of the SMS group.

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SMS GmbH is the holding for a group of companies internationally active in plant construction and mechanical engineering relating to the processing of steel, non-ferrous metals and plastics. The group is divided into the Business Areas of Metallurgical Plant and Rolling Mill Technology, Tube, Long Product and Forging Technology and Plastics Technology. In the year 2004 some 9,500 employees worldwide generated a turnover of about EUR 2.20 bn.