

PRESS RELEASE

Order for SMS Meer GmbH

PQF[®] plant for ISMT

Indian Seamless Metal Tubes (ISMT) in Baramati, India, has placed an order with SMS Meer, Mönchengladbach, Germany, for the supply of a new seamless tube plant employing the PQF[®] process (Premium Quality Finishing).

The plant will be used to produce seamless tubes in the diameter range from 33.7 mm up to 168.3 mm with a planned capacity of 350,000 t per year.

SMS Meer is to supply all the key components of the mill equipment, including the media systems and the technological automation. The scope of supplies and services also comprises the project management and the supervision of erection and commissioning, including training of the operating personnel.

Following the successful introduction of the technology newly developed by SMS Meer three years ago, this is the fifth plant of this modern design.

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.