

PRESS RELEASE

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Modernization order for SMS Meer S.p.A.

Doubling of capacity through rolling-mill modernization at Arcelor Laminados

Arcelor Laminados, S.A. – Mittal Arcelor Group – of Zaragoza, Spain, a steel manufacturer specialized in angles and flat bars fundamentally for the construction sector, machinery industry and electrical distribution subsector, has awarded an order to SMS Meer, Italy, for the modernization of two rolling mills.

Arcelor Laminados S.A. will transfer its production activities, presently located in the urban area of Zaragoza, to the outskirts in the “López Soriano” Recycling Technology Park. As a result of the comprehensive modernization measures, the current annual production capacity of approx. 325,000 t of steel will be nearly doubled. SMS Meer’s scope of supply and services comprises dismantling, transport, supply of new equipment as well as erection and commissioning of both rolling mills.

The new equipment to be supplied by SMS Meer comprises an 80-t/h pusher-type furnace for Rolling Mill No. 1, enabling a future production of 90 t/h. In Rolling Mill No. 2, the existing 80-t/h pusher-type furnace will be revamped and transferred to the new premises. In addition, the scope of supply includes finishing stands for Rolling Mill No. 1, roughing and finishing stands for Rolling Mill No. 2 as well as cooling beds and various equipment for the finishing areas of both mills. The auxiliary facilities for the two rolling mills and the electrical and automation systems will also come from SMS Meer.

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 2005 some 9,250 employees worldwide generated a turnover of about EUR 2.33 bn.