

PRESS RELEASE

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Order worth US-\$ 20 million for SMS Meer from China

**SMS Meer signs agreement for supply of an open-die
forging press during the China/Jiangsu Forum in Düsseldorf**

SMS Meer, Mönchengladbach, Germany, signed an agreement today for the supply of a 45/50 MN open-die forging press to the province of Jiangsu, China.

In the presence of the Vice-Governor of Jiangsu Province, Zhao Kezhi, and of the Minister for Economic Affairs of the State of North Rhine-Westphalia, Christa Thoben, the corresponding declaration was signed by Zhu Xiao Kun, President of Jiangsu Tiangong AIHE International, and Ulrich Vohskämper, Vice-President Hydraulic Presses Division at SMS Meer. Under this agreement, SMS Meer shall supply a 45/50-MN open-die forging press to Tiangong AIHE Co. Ltd. in Danyang City, Jiangsu Province. The press shall be used for the processing of high-quality materials, tool steel, stainless steel and high-alloy materials as semi-finished products for various industrial applications. The plant operates with a press force of up to 40 MN and an upsetting force of 45 MN. The agreement represents a total volume of 20 million US-\$.

The province of Jiangsu lies on the eastern Chinese coast. It has around 76 million inhabitants. On behalf of the Chinese central government, the Jiangsu provincial government has established a national development program for the furtherance of the economy and the strengthening of the infrastructure in the coastal region and in the Yangtse Delta. During the China/Jiangsu Forum, a high-ranking economic delegation met with representatives from German businesses in order to provide information on the development program and to enter into agreements with German firms.

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SMS Meer GmbH is a company of the SMS group, which 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 Siemag and SMS Meer. In 2008, some 8,900 employees worldwide generated a turnover of more than EUR 3.6 bn.