

PRESS RELEASE

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New mill from SMS Meer in Brazil

**Successful commissioning of a wire rod and bar mill
at SINOBRAS**

SINOBRAS – Siderúrgica Norte Brasil S.A., Brazil, commissioned the wire rod and bar mill for an annual production of 250,000 t supplied by SMS Meer, a company of the SMS group, Germany. The plant is located in the district of Maraba, Para State, Brazil.

The main components of the mill are eight cantilever and six housing-less stands in horizontal/vertical arrangement, a ten-stand wire rod block with new drive equipment, a loop laying head, a loop cooling conveyor (LCC[®]), the complete coil transport facility, a high-speed delivery system (HSD[®]) and a cooling bed with bundling and tying facilities.

The SINOBRAS product mix comprises rebars in diameters from 6.35 mm to 25 mm via the cooling bed, and wire rod in diameters from 5.5 mm to 12 mm in coils via the loop laying head. All dimensions up to 16 mm are rolled via the ten-stand wire rod block.

SMS Meer acted as system integrator, supplying all the electrical and electronic equipment, controls and software for the mill automation. The erection and commissioning supervision and the training of the mill personnel also formed part of the order.

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