

PRESS RELEASE

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Order for SMS Meer

World's largest spindle screw now also in China

Wuxi Turbine Blade Co., Ltd., a subsidiary of the Shanghai Electric Group, has placed an order with SMS Meer, a company of the SMS group, Germany, for a clutch-operated screw press SPKA 22400. With a hard-on-hard blow force of 355 MN, a gross power of 10,000 kJ and a weight of 2,900 t, the press is already the second clutch-operated screw press of this size and with these performance data from SMS Meer.

Wuxi Turbine Blade Co., Ltd. is the largest manufacturer of turbine blades in China. By investing in the new press, the company wishes to distinctly increase its production volume of forged parts for gas and steam turbines. From 2011 it wishes to supply the Chinese aerospace industry with forged parts of high-alloy steel, titanium and nickel-based alloys.

The clutch-operated screw press SPKA 22400 is by now the third screw press being supplied by SMS Meer to Wuxi Turbine Blade. A hydraulic screw press HSPRZ 630 with an 80 MN hard-on-hard blow force was supplied already at the end of the 1970s and a clutch-operated screw press SPKA 11200 with a 180 MN hard-on-hard blow force in 1994.

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SMS group 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, which jointly form SMS metallurgy. In 2008, some 8,900 employees worldwide generated a turnover of more than EUR 3.6 bn.