

PRESS RELEASE

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Order for SMS Meer

Integrated casting and rolling plant for Shandong Jinsheng

Shandong Jinsheng, a Chinese producer of high-quality copper rod, has placed an order with SMS Meer, Germany, for the supply of a complete continuous casting and rolling plant. The type CONTIROD[®] plant is the second of its kind supplied to Shandong Jinsheng. The plant is designed to be erected in Shandong Jinsheng's new facility in the Shandong Linyi Economic Development Area. Shandong Jinsheng has been using the CONTIROD[®] technology from SMS Meer since 2001.

The new wire rod mill forms part of Shandong Jinsheng's strategy of safeguarding its leading position in the production of wire rod by increasing the annual output to more than 320,000 t of high-quality copper wire rod. The CONTIROD[®] line is designed for an output of 48 t/h and will thus be the largest of its kind in China.

The plant comprises the SMS Meer-designed gas control system for the shaft furnace for melting copper cathodes. The modular designed Hazelett twin-belt caster will offer the largest casting section of 123 mm by 70 mm in China. The plant also comprises the highly flexible 14-stand rolling mill with frequency-controlled AC drives and integrated coil compacting and foil packing equipment. This line will be one of the most modern and efficient copper wire rod mills in the world.

Commissioning of the plant is scheduled for the end of 2010.

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