

PRESS RELEASE

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ALUAR Aluminio Argentino SAIC orders URTF 5

ALUAR Aluminio Argentino SAIC, Puerto Madryn, Argentina, have placed an order with Hertwich Engineering GmbH, Austria, for an Universal Rotary Tilting Furnace (URTF). Capacity is 5 m³ or approximately six to seven tons per charge of scrap or dross. Plant operation is fully automated.

The URTF range of furnaces is designed for remelting of contaminated scrap and dross in the most economic and environmentally acceptable way.

Scheduled commissioning is August/September 2005.

ALUAR Aluminio Argentino SAIC orders continuous homogenizing and sawing plant

ALUAR Aluminio Argentino SAIC, Puerto Madryn, Argentina, have placed an order with Hertwich Engineering GmbH, Austria, for the supply of a continuous homogenizing and sawing plant.

Annual design production is 80,000 metric tons.

The order includes an ultrasonic inspection station as well as all billet handling.

All processes are fully automated. Besides the continuous homogenizing furnace and the air and water cooling system a billet sawing and packing plant is included, for automatic stacking, weighing, strapping of short or long billets.

This plant marks the second such order from ALUAR.

Commissioning is scheduled for December 2005.

Hertwich Engineering 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 2004 some 9,500 employees worldwide generated a turnover of about EUR 2.20 bn.