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Continuous homogenizing and sawing plant for Novokuznetsk Al-Smelter

Russian Aluminium has placed an order with Hertwich Engineering GmbH, Austria, for the supply of a continuous homogenizing and sawing plant to be built at their Novokuznetsk Aluminum Smelter.

Annual production is 110,000 tons, with log diameters ranging from 145 to 203 mm. The order includes an ultrasonic inspection station and a sawing and packing plant. Moreover all log handling and automation are scope of supply.

Scheduled commissioning is June 2006.

After completion of the continuous homogenization line at Sayanogorsk Al-Smelter in 2003 this is the second such project being supplied to RUSAL.

Hertwich Engineering GmbH forms part of the Tube, Long Product and Forging Technology Business Area of the SMS group.

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