

PRESS RELEASE

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Order for Hertwich Engineering

Fjarðaal to receive the largest HDC caster for T-bars and ingots

Fjarðaal, Iceland, has awarded an order to Hertwich Engineering, Austria, for the supply of a horizontal caster for T-bars and ingots.

This caster will be the largest facility of this type built to date, with an overall casting width of 4,500 mm. In continuous casting operation, it will cast four strands of T-bars at a rate of 17 tons per hour or 12 tons of ingots per hour. This can be achieved with 40 strands for an ingot weight of 7.5 kg, with 36 strands for 10 kg ingots and with 24 strands for an ingot weight of 22 kg.

The order also includes a flying saw, a packing plant and automation. For ingots, the equipment comprises stacking robots, banding machine and stack store and, for T-bars, pushers and stackers.

The plant is scheduled for delivery in March 2006.

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.