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Order for SMS Meer GmbH

New RD 220 tube welding line for Atlas Tube Inc.

Atlas Tube Inc., Canada, has placed an order with SMS Meer, Mönchengladbach, Germany, for the supply of an RD 220 tube welding line for a tube mill in the USA.

The tube welding line essentially comprises the strip preparation section, the spiral strip accumulator and the tube welding machine with straightedge forming section. Completing the line is a traveling cut-off saw and transport facilities including an automatic bundler.

The new line is equipped with quick-changing roll technology and computer-controlled adjustment systems. This new tube welding line, just like the lines already supplied in the past, makes a major contribution to achieving a high production capacity with exceptionally short size changing times. The maximum welding speed is 300 feet/min (90 m/min).

The product mix of the line predominantly includes structurals, i. e. round tubes as well as square and rectangular hollow sections. Round tubes can be produced with outside diameters from 2.5" (63.5 mm) up to 8.625" (219 mm). The size range for hollow sections is: Squares from 2" (50.8 mm) to 7" (177.7 mm) and rectangular sections from 4" (101.6 mm) x 2" (50.8 mm) to 10" (254 mm) x 4" (101.6 mm). The maximum wall thickness is 0.5" (12.7 mm).

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

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