

PRESS RELEASE

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New order for SMS Meer

CONTIROD[®] wire rod plant for AMER INTERNATIONAL GROUP

AMER INTERNATIONAL GROUP, a manufacturer of premium quality power cables in China and Taiwan, recently placed an order with SMS Meer, a company of the SMS group, Germany, for the supply of a CONTIROD[®] CR 3500 wire rod plant for its Amer Copper Technology works in Tongling, China.

This investment forms part of AMER's strategy of safeguarding a starting material basis for its cable production.

The CONTIROD[®] plant will produce 225,000 t of 8-mm-diameter copper wire rod per year, equivalent to an hourly output of 35 t.

The SMS Meer scope of supply encompasses the complete process equipment, starting from the shaft furnace for melting copper cathodes, the Hazelett twin-belt caster for casting a 93 x 70 mm large starting cross-section and the twelve-stand rolling mill, as well as the media supply systems, electrical equipment and a fully automated coil packing system.

This casting and rolling plant for high-quality wire rod features automatic control of the liquid copper flow as well as the use of variable-frequency individual drives for all twelve stands of the SMS mill.

This line will thus be one of the most modern and economical of its kind in the world.

Commissioning of the plant is scheduled for the middle of 2008.

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