

PRESS RELEASE

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Order for SMS Meer

Modernization of the foundry at Diehl Metall Messing

Diehl Metall Messing, Röthenbach an der Pegnitz, Germany, has placed an order with SMS Meer, a company of the SMS group, Germany, for the supply, erection and commissioning of a new vertical continuous three-strand caster for the production of brass billets. With this investment, Diehl Metall Messing plans to replace the existing two-strand caster and hence safeguard the long-term competitiveness of the company.

The new continuous caster will satisfy modern production demands and is characterized by a high degree of automation and minimum maintenance. In order to minimize the standstill time between dismantling of the old plant and the start-up of full production again, erection and commissioning of the new plant will be carried out during the works closure in summer 2009.

Diehl Metall Messing is a subsidiary of the Diehl Group with its worldwide activities, and with an annual capacity of 125,000 t of brass bars, hollow bars and profiles is one of Europe's leading manufacturers in this segment.

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SMS group is, under the roof of the holding SMS GmbH, a group of companies internationally active in plant construction and mechanical engineering for the steel and nonferrous metals industry. It consists of the two Business Areas SMS Demag and SMS Meer, which jointly form SMS metallurgy. In 2007, some 8,000 employees worldwide generated a turnover of about EUR 3.0 bn.