

PRESS RELEASE

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Successful plant modernization by SMS Meer

Hellenic Halyvourgia achieves up to 50 % increase in productivity with HSD[®] High-Speed Delivery system

In July 2007 the Greek steel manufacturer, Hellenic Halyvourgia S.A., with registered offices in Athens, put a new High-Speed Delivery system (HSD[®]) from SMS Meer, a company of the SMS group, Germany, into operation. Today, almost one year later, the outstanding production values of this system are being confirmed. Hellenic Halyvourgia is achieving a 50 % increase in productivity for rebar with a diameter of 8 mm compared with the former plant configuration.

The patented High-Speed Delivery system (HSD[®]) was installed during the customer's scheduled annual maintenance shutdown. This meant that there was no notable loss of production during the installation of the new equipment. The modernization of the mill and all the measures for dismantling the old machines and ancillary facilities were carried out parallel to the installation of the HSD[®] system.

In spite of the tense delivery situation worldwide for plant components, SMS Meer delivered, erected and commissioned the complete plant on schedule, only six months after the signing of the contract in January 2007. The final acceptance certificate was signed by Hellenic Halyvourgia in November 2007, just ten months after the signing of the contract.

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