

PRESS RELEASE

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Order for Concast AG

Concast supplies a facility for ArcelorMittal Brasil

ArcelorMittal Brasil S.A., Belo Horizonte, Brazil, has placed an order with Concast AG, Switzerland, a company of the SMS group, Germany, for the supply of a secondary-metallurgy center and of a continuous caster for the production of SBQ billets (Special Bar Quality) for the manufacture of wire for tires (tire cord). Commissioning is scheduled for June 2010.

The facilities to be supplied, a ladle furnace and a continuous caster, will be incorporated into the existing integrated iron and steel works at Monlevade, Brazil. This will serve to increase the present capacity of 1.2 million t to 2.4 million t of liquid steel per annum.

A wire-rod rolling mill connected to the continuous caster has been ordered from SMS Meer, also a company of the SMS group.

The ladle furnace, with a capacity of 130 t and a 24 MVA transformer, allows a heating rate of around 4.5 °C/min.

With six strands and a casting radius of 10.25 m, the continuous caster produces square billets in the section sizes 130 x 130 mm and 155 x 155 mm. The caster is equipped with mold stirrers and a hydraulic compact oscillation system.

The scope of the order comprises the supply of the complete mechanical and electrical equipment and automation for Levels 1 and 2, as well as training, supervision of erection and commissioning.

With this order, ArcelorMittal Brasil S.A. has already ordered the fourth successive ladle furnace from Concast. The continuous caster will represent the latest state of the art in the group's facilities for the production of wire for tire carcasses.

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