

PRESS RELEASE

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Order for SMS Concast AG

SN Longos Seixal modernizes six-strand caster

SN Longos Seixal (Megasa Group), Portugal's largest manufacturer of long steel products, has placed an order with SMS Concast, Switzerland, a company of the SMS group, Germany, to modernize its six-strand continuous caster.

SMS Concast will be carrying out extensive revamping work on the six-strand caster, which has a radius of 7 m, to bring it up to the latest state of the art. This technology includes new hydraulic oscillators, electromagnetic mold stirrers, strand guide systems, primary and secondary cooling systems, torch cutters and an advanced Level 2 automation system for controlling the complete casting process.

Cast sections of 120 x 120 mm and 130 x 130 mm are currently being produced. After the revamp, the machine will be able to cast two new sections of 140 x 140 mm and 160 x 160 mm respectively. The CONVEX® technology will ensure that optimum metallurgical results are obtained for all casting sizes.

This revamp will enable the product range of the caster to be greatly enhanced in terms of quality. It will be possible to produce high-carbon steels for springs and for pre-stressed concrete rebars as well as for cold-heading grades.

SMS Concast will provide full technical and metallurgical assistance during the erection and commissioning periods.

Commissioning is scheduled for March 2010.

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