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First combined rolling mill in Africa

Prometal Aciérie contracts SMS group to supply hot rolling mill to widen its production

Prometal Aciérie, Cameroon, Africa, has awarded SMS group (www.sms-group.com) the order to supply a new hot rolling mill for rebars, sections and wire rod. The new rolling mill will be designed for the production of straight rebars, angles, channels, flats, squares, beams and wire rod coils, enabling Prometal to expand its product portfolio, covering as much as possible of the product mix for long steel products. With this investment, long steel producer Prometal Aciérie, based in Douala, Cameroon, is going to install the first combined rolling mill in the African region.

The rolling mill will be designed for a maximum overall capacity of approx. 300,000 tons per year. Starting with 130 millimeter square billets, which will be heated up in a 60 ton-per-hour modern pusher-type furnace, the mill will be able to produce rebars from 8 to 32 millimeters, sections such as 100-millimeter-high beams and channels, and smooth rounds in coil from 5.5 to 12 millimeters. The state-of-the art HSD[®] (High Speed Delivery) System allows reaching the full production capacity for the complete size range, increasing the material yield. The high speed finishing block will produce quality wire rod coils at minimized operational costs. Moreover, the rolling

mill will be controlled by a Level 2 automation system provided by SMS group.

The combined mill, completely supplied by SMS group, will become the new reference benchmark for the market in terms of high technology, quality, efficiency and low operational costs in Africa.

Commissioning of the new rolling mill is scheduled for December 2019.

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SMS group is a group of companies internationally active in plant construction and mechanical engineering for the steel and nonferrous metals industry. It has some 14,000 employees who generate worldwide sales of about EUR 3 billion. The sole owner of the holding company SMS GmbH is the Familie Weiss Foundation.