

PRESS RELEASE

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SMS Siemag commissions new meltshop in Russia

SMS Siemag, Germany, has successfully commissioned a new EAF meltshop at Pervouralsk Novo Trubny Works (PNTZ), ChelPipe Group, a Russian producer of pipe products. The new meltshop called Iron Ozone 32 will provide plants within the ChelPipe Group with high-quality round billets that comply with all standards and requirements for seamless pipe production. The shop will have an annual billet production capacity of 1.1 million t.

“Iron Ozone 32 is another quality step forward in both technical equipment and in the applied ecological standards project,” noted ChelPipe CEO Alexander Fyodorov.

The product range will include carbon steels especially for the production of tubes for application in the oil and natural gas industry.

Vladimir Putin, Russian Prime Minister, participated in the ceremonial start-up of the first stage of the project. The first stage included the launch of the 120-t electric arc furnace with state-of-the-art ARCESS technology as well as of the 120-t ladle furnace.

In January 2011, the five-strand billet caster of SMS Concast was commissioned with a production capacity of 660,000 t of billets per year. The first ladle was used to produce 220-mm round sections. Further section sizes are 150-mm round and 150-mm square.

For all production facilities SMS Siemag supplied highly efficient gas cleaning plants for primary and secondary dedusting, as well as the complete water supply and treatment system. These systems meet the most exacting environmental standards. The scope of supply includes the complete X-Pact® electrical equipment and automation system.

SMS Siemag, SMS Concast and SMS Mevac supplied the complete process equipment for the new production facilities and as part of contract processing rendered services such as erection and commissioning supervision as well as training.

The twin-tank vacuum degasser (VD) from SMS Mevac and a three-strand bloom caster are expected to be commissioned in the near future.

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