

SMS Group's new workshop in Bhubaneswar



Recently the SMS group inaugurated its new manufacturing and service workshop in Bhubaneswar built for an investment of approximately 31 million euros. In the presence of more than 250 guests from politics and industry, Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik, who attended the event as a guest of honor, cut the red ribbon in a festive ceremony. The new manufacturing and service workshop, built with an investment of approximately EUR 31 million and covering an area of 21,000 square meters, is one of four locations operated by SMS India. The new manufacturing facility will focus on the supply of steelworks equipment and services tailored to the growth market India.

Currently, SMS has more than 1,000 employees in India. In future, at Bhubaneswar, some 200 SMS employees will form a further pillar of the SMS group's worldwide network of quality-manufacturing sites. With this new asset, the SMS group is consistently pursuing its customer-focused strategy by expanding its local service presence in the important growth market

India.

“This investment strengthens our manufacturing network for steel-works equipment in India,” says Burkhard Dahmen, CEO of SMS Siemag and Spokesman of the Managing Board of the SMS group. “It is an important step for the SMS group in tapping this growth market and participating in the upswing taking place in this country. Annual steel production in India is expected to grow from its current level of 80 million tons to 300 million tons over the next 15 years.”

The new manufacturing workshop, equipped with machinery of the latest state of the art, is strategically located centrally to the customers of SMS. Most of them are within a range of some 300 kilometers. This makes it possible to fulfill individual customer requests locally and in real time. Moreover, it will also be possible to supply customers outside India with components made at the Bhubaneswar workshop via the marine port of Paradip, which is just 130 kilometers away.

The steelworks components manufactured at Bhubaneswar will be specifically aligned to the requirements of the Indian steel market. The range of equipment made at the workshop

will include electric arc furnaces, secondary-metallurgy plants like ladle furnaces and RH plants (Ruhrstahl-Heraeus), and BOF plants, including cooling stacks for gas cleaning systems. For continuous casting plants, ladle turrets, tundishes, tundish cars and roller tables will be supplied. All the plants will be manufactured, assembled and tested in Bhubaneswar. This ensures high quality of the equipment.

As a systems supplier, SMS also offers a broad range of services, including spare parts services, the manufacture and repair of plant components in OEM quality, the manufacture of value-added components (segment rollers, spindles, mandrels), copper plating of casting molds as well as technical assistance in on-site installation and maintenance activities.

The service workshop of SMS India is equipped with various high-tech machines. These machines are critical to meeting OEM standards in the rendered repair and maintenance services. The new location also has plenty of capacity for customer training courses provided by the TECademy.