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## **PRESS RELEASE**

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### **New orders for Concast AG**

#### **Shagang Rongsheng orders five-strand billet caster**

Zhangjiagang Rongsheng Steelmaking Co. Ltd, a subsidiary of the Shagang Group, China, has placed an order with Concast, Switzerland, for the supply of a five-strand billet caster. This is the eighth successive facility and represents a total of 45 strands that Concast has delivered to the Shagang Group. The new section sizes to be cast are 150 to 160 mm square. The Concast high-speed caster with an 8-m radius will be supplied with a CCS-Concast straightener, mold and retractable oscillator as well as secondary cooling. The caster will be set up at Zhang Jia Gang City in the Jiangsu Province.

#### **Elfouladh orders 25-ton arc furnace**

Elfouladh, Société Tunésienne de Sidérurgie, Tunisia, has awarded to Concast, Switzerland, an order for a 25-t arc furnace, following the successful revamping of the existing ABB-EAF which was likewise carried out by Concast as recently as June 2005.

The new arc furnace, with an annual production of 230,000 t, will be equipped with EBT lip and ConsoTech burner.

Commissioning is scheduled for the end of 2007.

Concast AG forms part of the Metallurgical Plant and Rolling Mill

Technology Business Area of the SMS group.

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