

Parsytec equips new hot mill from Erdemir with surface inspection system

New hot strip mill for Europe's strongest growing steel market

Aachen/Germany – 10 February 2006. Parsytec AG – the world's leading supplier of surface and web inspection systems for strip products – received an order from Siemens Industrial Solutions and Services (I&S) to deliver a surface inspection system for the to be build hot mill in the Iskenderun Iron and Steel Works of Erdemir in Turkey. Siemens itself has received the order for the complete electrical and automation equipment of this hot mill and decided to include the Parsytec system in its scope of supply.

Iskenderun Iron and Steel Works belong to Erdemir, which is the largest iron and steel company in Turkey. With double-digit growth rates, Turkey was a strong growing country with respect to steel production in the last years. After Parsytec delivered a first hot mill inspection system to the Eregli works of Erdemir in 2004, this is now the second Parsytec hot mill system to be applied by this steel producer.

Parsytec has – by far – the world's most advanced hot mill inspection product. This is based on Parsytec's unrivalled hot mill inspection installations: up to now, more than 50 hot rolling lines apply Parsytec systems. With this market share of roughly 80%, Parsytec sets the de-facto worldwide standard for hot mill inspection.

Parsytec's Sales Director Worldwide, Michael Trunkhardt, comments: "We regard this order entry as remarkable for two reasons: first, a follow-up order always is a reasonable indication of the value creation achievable for our customers. Second, this is the first time ever that a Parsytec system is included in Siemens' scope of supply."

Parsytec AG is the world's largest vendor of surface inspection systems: Today, 10 of the Top 10 steel producers and 15 of the Top 20 paper producers apply Parsytec products. With more than 350 installations worldwide, *espresso by Parsytec* is the most advanced surface inspection system providing Parsytec customers with reliable and comprehensive information about the relevant surface defects at all production steps. The innovative software platform *parsytec Si* enables customers to easily create individual surface quality yield management applications and integrates surface quality data with process data. Parsytec is headquartered in Aachen, Germany, and maintains subsidiaries in North America, Japan, Korea and China.

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