



## PRESS RELEASE

# ANDRITZ to supply new walking hearth furnace to Deutsche Edelstahlwerke, Germany

*GRAZ, NOVEMBER 7, 2018.* International technology Group ANDRITZ has received an order from Deutsche Edelstahlwerke Specialty Steel GmbH & Co. KG, Germany, to supply a complete walking hearth furnace plant for its facility in Witten, Germany. Production is scheduled to start in the second quarter of 2020.

The new plant comprises two MAERZ<sup>®</sup> walking hearth furnaces with automatic loading and unloading device, a MAERZ<sup>®</sup> car bottom furnace for pre-heating sensitive material grades, and an entry and exit roller conveyor. The plant – operated in three shifts – has an hourly capacity of 35 tons and is designed for heating billets and ingots to a maximum rolling temperature of 1,320°C.

In addition to the mechanical part of the plant, the scope of supply also comprises the entire electrical, automation and visualization equipment.

Deutsche Edelstahlwerke Specialty Steel GmbH & Co. KG is a company that produces and processes long stainless steel products. It has facilities in Witten (headquarters), Siegen, Krefeld, Hagen and Hattingen, all in Germany, where around 4,000 employees produce and process almost one million tons of stainless steel a year.

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Removal of billets with manipulator.

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## **ANDRITZ GROUP**

ANDRITZ is a globally leading supplier of plants, equipment, and services for hydropower stations, the pulp and paper industry, the metal working and steel industries, and for solid/liquid separation in the municipal and industrial segments. Other important fields of business are animal feed and biomass pelleting, as well as automation, where ANDRITZ offers a wide range of innovative products and services in the IIoT (Industrial Internet of Things) sector under the brand name of Metris. In addition, the international technology Group is active in power generation (steam boiler plants, biomass power plants, recovery boilers, and gasification plants) and environmental technology (flue gas cleaning plants) and offers equipment for the production of nonwovens, dissolving pulp, and panelboard, as well as recycling plants.

A passion for innovative technology, absolute customer focus, reliability, and integrity are the central values to which ANDRITZ commits. The listed Group is headquartered in Graz, Austria. With over 160 years of experience, 29,000 employees, and more than 280 locations in over 40 countries worldwide, ANDRITZ is a reliable and competent partner and helps its customers to achieve their corporate and sustainability goals.

## **ANDRITZ METALS**

ANDRITZ Metals is the technology and global market leader in forming equipment through the Schuler Group, in which ANDRITZ has a stake of more than 95 percent. Schuler offers presses, automation solutions, dies, process know-how, and services for the entire metal forming industry. Its customers include car manufacturers and their suppliers, as well as companies in the forging, household appliance, packaging, energy, and electrical industries. Schuler is also the market leader in coin minting technology and offers system solutions for the aerospace industry, rail transport, and manufacture of large pipes. In addition, ANDRITZ Metals is one of the leading global suppliers of complete lines for the production and processing of cold-rolled strip made of carbon steel, stainless steel, aluminum, and other non-ferrous metals. The lines comprise equipment for pickling, cold rolling, annealing and heat treatment, surface finishing, strip coating and finishing, punching and deep drawing, and regeneration of pickling acids. The business area also supplies turnkey furnace systems for the steel, copper, and aluminum industries, burners and refractory products, as well as welding systems and comprehensive service for the metal working industry.