

PRESS RELEASE

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Further large presses for China

Jilin Liyuan Aluminium orders two extrusion presses from SMS Meer

Jilin Liyuan Aluminium Co. Ltd. in Liaoyuan in Jilin Province, China, has ordered two SMS Schloemann extrusion presses from SMS Meer, Germany. The scope of supply includes a 100-MN front-loading press and a 45-MN direct/indirect tube press.

The 100-MN press will enable Jilin Liyuan Aluminium to produce extremely large aluminum profiles with a width of up to 700 mm for the first time. The privately owned company will therefore be able to expand its product range, in particular towards profiles for railway and ship construction.

The new 45-MN tube press is designed for profiles of special alloys. It is used first and foremost for the production of seamless aluminum tubes up to an outside diameter of 300 mm. An outstanding feature of the 45-MN press is its flexibility: It is designed for both "direct" and "indirect" extrusion of tubes or profiles.

With the two new machines, Jilin Liyuan's machine park will grow to a total of 22 presses covering a press force range from 6 MN to 100 MN.

The presses are scheduled to go into production in October 2011 and January 2012.

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