



Flexible service package for long-term high availability in aluminum production

ALUMINIUM 2018, the leading trade show for the aluminum industry took place in Düsseldorf from 9 to 11 October. In addition to discussing the big topics of the future at the SMS group booth, representatives of SMS group's Technical Service also presented its service concept for extrusion press operators. This concept is characterized by a strong focus on quality, productivity and safety of production. Numerous guests, among them Dimitri Fotij, CEO, and Stijn Kusters, Plant Manager, of Belgium based E-MAX PROFILES, came to Düsseldorf to discuss and exchange information with the service experts of SMS group.

Several years ago, E-MAX Profiles and SMS group had signed a first contract for a comprehensive service package related to the two SMS group-supplied light-metal extrusion presses designed for pressing forces of 25 and 35 MN, respectively. E-MAX has been extremely satisfied with the quality of the technical service provided by SMS group. Therefore Dimitri Fotij and Stijn Kusters came to Düsseldorf to discuss and sign a



follow-up contract. "The market for aluminum profiles is extremely competitive. SMS group has proved to be a strategically essential partner in safeguarding the high availability and productivity of our machines in the long run," explains Fotij. "We plan and perform the service activities in close

coordination with our customers, always bearing in mind their production schedules. We set great store by a regular exchange of views and ideas with the plant operators because this allows both sides to benefit from the cooperation and further develop their skills on a continuous basis," says Ben Zander, Head of Modernization and Maintenance Services for Hydraulic Presses at SMS group.

Taking the ALUMINIUM fair in Düsseldorf as an opportunity to sign a follow-up service contract. From left to right: Dimitri Fotij, CEO, E-Max; Stijn Kusters, Plant Manager, E-MAX; Ralph Strake, Project Manager Service for Hydraulic Presses at SMS group, and Ben Zander, Head of Modernization and Maintenance Services for Hydraulic Presses at SMS group. ■

NALCO's support for rehabilitation of Divyangas



"With the upsurge of technological innovations and various skill development programmes, there is host of opportunities for the Divyangjans to enhance their skills and nurture their talents, thereby becoming more competent and self-sufficient in life. NALCO, as a responsible corporate citizen, takes pride in joining hands with the reputed National level Organisation," said Dr. Tapan Kumar Chand during the inauguration of the CAD/Cam Laboratory and laying of the foundation stone for Vocational Training Centre at Swami Vivekanand

National Institute of Rehabilitation Training & Research (SVNIRTAR) at Olatpur today.

It may be mentioned that the 7-Axis Robotics machine with in-built CAD/CAM Software for manufacturing of sockets at SVNIRTAR is first of its kind in the Country and has been installed by NALCO Foundation, the CSR arm of the company. This Rs.2.73 crore project would enable SVNIRTAR in producing the orthoses and prosthetic sockets in a more efficient manner within less time, avoiding any adverse result on the nerve system of the users. "I hope, this small gesture of NALCO would make the lives of the people with locomotive diseases better," added Dr. Chand.

Shakuntala D. Gamlin, IAS, Secretary, Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (Divyangjan), Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment, Govt. of India graced the occasion and described NALCO's people welfare programmes and CSR initiatives par excellent. Among others, Dolly Chakrabarty, Joint Secretary, Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (Divyangjan), Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment, Govt. of India, Dr. S.P. Das, Director, SVNIRTAR, Er. Ramesh Chandra Mishra, Superintendent Engineer (BCC), CPWD, Bhubaneswar, A.N. Nanda, Nodal Officer, CSR, SVNIRTAR and Shri Rasmi Ranjan Sethy, Officiating Deputy Director (P&A), SVNIRTAR also spoke on the occasion. ■