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Graz, 29 September 2004. International technology group Andritz received a large follow-up order from Lianzhong Stainless Steel, a member of Taiwanese Yieh Group, for the extension of the new steel mill in Guangzhou, China. In 2003, Andritz had received an order to build the worlds largest stainless steel hot strip annealing and pickling line for the same customer. The project is currently underway. The recent order relates to a stainless steel cold strip annealing and pickling line with an annual capacity of approx. 250,000 t.

The Andritz Group will be responsible for engineering, a large part of the equipment supplies, supervision of installation, and start-up of the cold strip annealing and pickling line. The mechanical equipment will be supplied by Sundwig GmbH, Hemer, Germany, the thermal equipment by Thermtec BV, Rotterdam, Netherlands, and the pickling line will be supplied by Andritz AG, Vienna, Austria. All three companies are members of the Andritz Rolling Mills and Strip Processing Lines Business Area.

Delivery is scheduled for August 2005, with production of the first strip expected in July 2006.

With this order, international Andritz Group has further consolidated its position as a comprehensive supplier of complex systems and as the technology leader for stainless steel mills.

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