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Dear Ladies and Gentlemen!

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VOEST-ALPINE INDUSTRIEANLAGENBAU**P R E S S R E L E A S E****VAI CLECIM HAS RECEIVED A CONTRACT FOR A NEW HOT PLATE LEVELLER**

VAI CLECIM, the France-based subsidiary of VOEST-ALPINE INDUSTRIE-ANLAGENBAU has been awarded a contract by JINAN IRON AND STEEL CO. LTD (JIGANG) for the engineering and supply of a new hot plate leveller for the plate mill located in Jinan, Shandong Province, P.R. China.

JIGANG is one of the major plate producers in China, with significant expansion plans in steel business. This success is following the contract awarded to VAI in 2001 for a new continuous slab caster. This new caster is now under erection and is being built in the new meltshop feeding the plate mill.

The main reasons for the success in the hot plate leveller project can be spotted as:

- excellent co-operation between VAI and JIGANG, especially for the current continuous caster project,
- comprehensive experience of VAI in levelling technology, with significant reference machines (GTS Dunkirk, VASL, USS Gary,...).

The VAI hot leveller is a 11-roll machine, featuring a fully hydraulic system allowing 3000t maximum load and powered by two 550 kW AC motors.

Key equipment, such as roll cassettes, hydraulic cylinders, manifold blocks a.s.o. will be manufactured by VAI's own workshop.

VAI, being the world's largest software house for the supply of advanced metallurgical automation solutions, also provides a comprehensive automation package within its scope of supply and services, ordered by JIGANG.

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Considered by our customers as a key equipment in a plate mill, the hot leveller is targeted to become a significant element of VAI product portfolio. This order shall strengthen VAI's position as a leader in plate mill technology.

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This and other VAI and VA TECH Group press releases are available on the homepages www.vatech.at and www.vai.at or can be individually received via our automatic mailing service.

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P R E S S R E L E A S E

VAI POMINI successful in Caster Modernization in Far East

In December, 2002, VAI POMINI, a joint venture between VOEST-ALPINE INDUSTRIEANLAGENBAU (VAI) / Austria and Techint / Italy received orders from Malayawata Steel Berhad (Malayawata) and the Siam Iron and Steel (2001) Co., Ltd. (SISCO) for the modernization of their billet casting machines.

For the modernization of Malayawata, the existing 5 strand billet caster will be modified for increased casting speeds with the necessary modification of equipment and new equipment including the use of high performance DIAMOLD copper tubes, to improve the billet production capacity and at the same time billet quality.

For the 3 strand billet casting plant of SISCO, VAI POMINI is awarded to supply new equipment for submerged entry nozzle casting with stopper rod and automatic mold level control and the necessary equipment and engineering (including new tundish and tundish car) for casting special high quality steel grades

Both projects will be finalized within summer 2003 and enable the customers to increase production capacity and / or product quality.

These are the first VAI POMINI caster revamp contracts received in Malaysia and Thailand .

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VAI POMINI combines the strengths of VAI, POMINI, Ashlow and GFM for long product rolling mills along with Rokop and VAI for billet casters. VAI POMINI offices are located in Castellanza/Italy, Linz/Austria, Sheffield/UK and Pittsburgh/USA.

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This press release is also available on the following homepages: www.vatech.at , www.vaipomini.com , www.vai.at and www.techint-technologies.com.

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