

Thermex Update

Rush of orders for Thermex Quenching Systems

2005 has witnessed a sudden rush for orders on H&K India for the unique THERMEX Quenching Systems offered by them in exclusive collaboration with HSE Germany. Seven rolling mills, six in India and one in Ghana, have placed firm orders on H&K for the THERMEX Quenching Technology in the 10 week period up to 10th March 2005. All of these plants are scheduled for commissioning by June-August, 2005. When commissioned the capacity of

stands at 44.

Of the six new orders from India, **MSP Steels** who commissioned their first THERMEX unit in Orissa have now ordered one for their rolling mill coming up in Chattisgarh.

ASR Multimetals are setting up a new bar mill in Gandhidham, in the Kutch Region of Gujarat. This mill will commence production with Thermex rebars from the very beginning. Proximity to Kutch is a great advantage. Classified as "seismic zone 5", Kutch

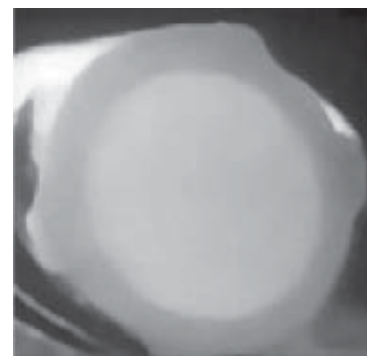
is an ideal market for the "high strength and high ductility" Thermex rebars.

The other four orders are made up by two each from **Andhra Pradesh** and **Maharashtra**.

These seven orders

are subsequent to the 5 orders for THERMEX Quenching Systems received by H&K in the latter half of 2004.

Two more mills are likely to place orders before end-March 2005. Truly,



the civil industry is asking for THERMEX rebars by name.

THERMEX COMMISSIONING

C. Vijay Kumar Steel

M/s Chimanlal Vijay Kumar Steel became the ninth Thermex System to be commissioned in Western India. The mill, situated in Raigad district of Maharashtra will cater to the growing market demand in Mumbai and Navi Mumbai for Thermex bars as per International grades. The entire Mumbai-Pune belt falls under seismic moderate risk (zone 3) and high risk (zone 4) categories. C Vijaykumar will offer Thermex rebars from sizes 8 to 32mm

S. Mahalaxmi

Shree Mahalaxmi Vinimay has commissioned its Thermex quenching & tempering system at its mill in Howrah, West Bengal. Mahalaxmi will offer 8 to 16 mm Thermex rebars as per grades Thermex 400, 450 & 500 to suit Indian and British Standards. Initial testing undertaken reveals that the Mahalaxmi Thermex rebars produced are as per Thermex standards. Thermex Licence is expected to be issued to them shortly.

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'Thermex Technology grips India'
Mr. J. P. Singh, Jt. Secretary (Steel)
at Thermex Pavillion in 'Asian Metallurgy 2005'

Thermex rebars made in the country will rise to over 3.5 million tonnes – or around 40% of the rebar market. The total number of mills in the Indian Region that have opted for Thermex Quenching Technology now