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## **PRESS RELEASE**

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Maintenance-free lamella-type suspension system for BOF vessel  
ensures a long service life

### **Tata Steel UK places order with SMS group for the supply of a converter**

Tata Steel UK has placed an order with SMS group ([www.sms-group.com](http://www.sms-group.com)) for the supply of a 330-ton converter for its integrated steel plant in Port Talbot in Wales, Great Britain. The SMS group scope of supply and services furthermore includes a new trunnion ring, the lamella-type vessel suspension system, a new secondary gear unit for the installed converter tilt drive, a new doghouse for the converter, the replacement of dust collecting ducts and alloying chutes leading from the bin systems into the converter, as well as performance and supervision of the erection work and commissioning supervision.

The lamella-type vessel suspension system from SMS group ensures unrestrained arrangement of the converter vessel in the trunnion ring and has already proven itself in operation and to the satisfaction of the steelworks owners with more than 130 converter systems all over the world.

To make erection more efficient, the converter will be delivered largely pre-assembled and connected to the trunnion ring. Commissioning is scheduled for 2019.

The Tata Steel UK steel plant in Port Talbot produces approx. five million tons of steel per year for the international market.

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Tried and tested technology: Converter vessel suspension system with maintenance-free lamellas from SMS group

SMS group is a group of companies internationally active in plant construction and mechanical engineering for the steel and nonferrous metals industry. It has some 13,500 employees who generate worldwide sales of more than EUR 3 billion. The sole owner of the holding company SMS GmbH is the Familie Weiss Foundation.