

Demag Cranes opens facility in India

PANJIM (HBD) -- Following a construction phase of just eight months, Demag Cranes inaugurated its new production plant in Chakan, India, together with customers and partners. This marks an expansion of the company's production capacities on the sub-continent of some 8,000 square metres to cover a total of more than 10,400 square metres with a possible extension of 6,000 square metres.

Besides standard cranes and crane components, the product range in future will also include the technically more complex process cranes which are specifically integrated into the production process to meet the customer's individual needs.

Aloysius Rauhen, CEO of Demag Cranes AG emphasises: "The expansion of our production with a clear concentration on the requirements of the Indian market reflects the core element of our strategy to make our customers' wishes the focus of our activities. This investment of more than EUR eight million also underlines our strategic commitment in the BRIC countries."

The plant, which is located 30 kilometres from Pune, is designed for a production capacity of up to 600 Standard Cranes and 100 Process Cranes per year. Parts for the KBK crane construction kit are also manufactured at the location – up to 24 kilometres of KBK rails can be produced per year. The spare parts logistics operation has also already been running from Chakan since March; the production of components such as rope-hoist and open-winch crabs as well as KBK has commenced. For components which the company does not manufacture itself, Demag Cranes utilises a network of local suppliers.