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# SAIL's Rourkela Steel Plant sets national record with new basic oxygen furnace supplied by SMS group

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Rourkela Steel Plant, a unit of Steel Authority of India (SAIL), has set a national record with the new Steel Melting Shop 2 supplied by SMS group. On July 2, SAIL produced 48 heats in 24 hours with the 150-ton basic oxygen furnace No. 3 of the Steel Melting Shop 2 in Rourkela.

All functional and support departments worked perfectly in tandem to make this result happen. SMS group congratulates all departments of the Rourkela Steel Plant on this great success.

This quantum leap in raising the bar will not only motivate the steel plant staff to continue making efforts towards excellence. The achievement will also help optimize the use of resources and promote confidence building within the Rourkela team. And it has set an international benchmark for the technological advancement in steel making.

This record has reiterated the customer's trust put in SMS group technology and demonstrates the high quality of the supplied equipment, along with state-of-the-art automation systems and the excellent operating skills of the staff at the Rourkela Steel Plant. The employees of SMS group are proud of having contributed to the achievement of this milestone at the Rourkela Steel Plant. We look forward to building further plants in India in the future, enabling our customers to set even more new benchmarks.

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