

The **SMS group** is, under the roof of SMS Holding GmbH, a group of global players in plant construction and mechanical engineering for the steel and nonferrous metals processing industry. It consists of the Business Areas SMS Siemag, SMS Meer, and the industrial participations. As the financial organization, SMS Holding GmbH is responsible for strategic planning and controlling. The sole owner of the SMS group is Siemag Weiss GmbH & Co. KG, the holding of the Weiss entrepreneurial family.

Business Areas



 SMS Siemag

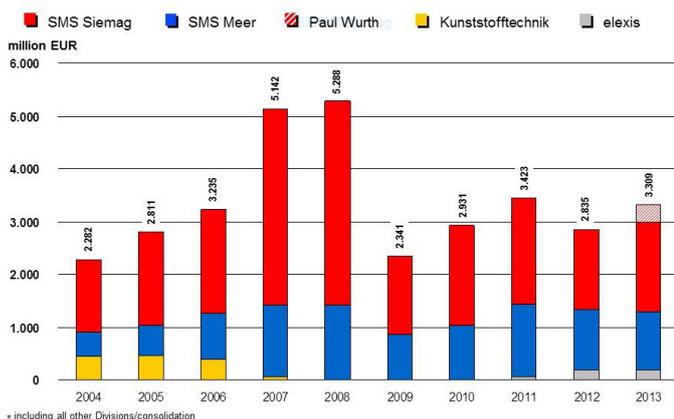


 SMS Meer

History

- 1871 Carl Eberhard Weiss forge founded
- 1901 OHG Schloemann Düsseldorf founded
- 1918 Merger of mechanical engineering companies Oechelhäuser, Hoffmann and Weiss to form "Siegener Maschinenbau AG"
- 1927 Take-over of Dahlbrucher Maschinenbau AG Klein, Dahlbruch, by SIEMAG (Siegener Maschinenbau AG)
- 1956 Cooperation between Schloemann and Concast AG, Zurich
- 1973 Merger to form Schloemann-Siemag AG
- 1977 Acquisition of Battenfeld Maschinenfabriken GmbH
- 1979 Take-over of Sutton Engineering Co., Pittsburgh/USA
- 1981 Take-over of Hasenclever Maschinenfabrik GmbH;
- 1990 SMS AG founded as managing holding company, take-over of Barco Equipment Inc., Pittsburgh/USA
- 1995 Take-over of S.I.M.A.C. S.p.A./Italy;
- 1997 Merger of SMS Hasenclever and Eumuco Acquisition of Wagner Banning Ringwalz-technik, Dortmund; SMS Eumuco GmbH founded
- Take-over of MAN GHH Metallurgy, Vacmetal and DMF Stamco-Deperieux, Düren
- 1999 Merger of SMS Schloemann-Siemag AG and Mannesmann Demag Metallurgie to form SMS Demag AG
- 2000 Spin-off of Tube and Copper Plant Business Area to form SMS Meer GmbH
- 2001 Integration of Long Product Rolling Mills Business Area into SMS Meer GmbH
- 2002 Tube, Long Product and Forging Technology Business Area founded with SMS Meer GmbH and SMS Eumuco GmbH
- 2003 Take-over of Elotherm GmbH and integration in Tube, Long Product and Forging Technology Business Area
- Majority of shares in SMS GmbH taken over by Siemag Weiss GmbH & Co. KG.
- 2007 Integration of SMS Eumuco GmbH into SMS Meer GmbH
- Remaining shares acquired from outside shareholders. SMS group wholly owned by the Weiss family.
- 2009 SMS Demag AG renamed SMS Siemag AG
- 2011 Majority of shares in Elexis AG
- 2012 Majority of shares in Paul Wurth S.A./ Luxembourg

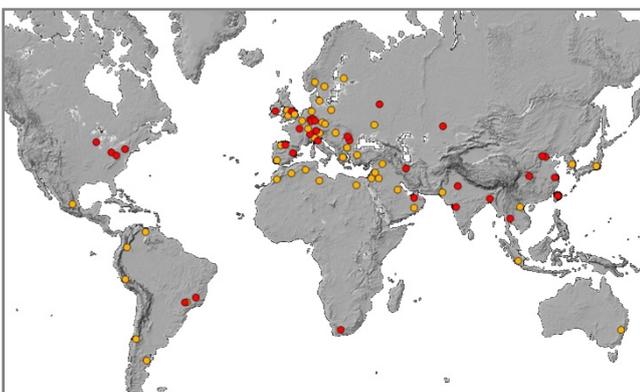
Order intake 2012 by Business Areas in million EUR



Characteristic figures of SMS group:

Sales in 2013: approx. 3.5 billion EUR
 Employees: approx. 13,800

International locations of SMS group



Portrait 2014

The Siegerland is a very old iron territory; the available ore, hydropower of its rivers and charcoal from the dense forests of the region have fostered the early development of a prosperous metal industry. In 1871, Eberhard Weiss established a forge in this environment with such a rich tradition. He thus lay the foundation for a family business, which has developed to one of the world's leading companies in the area of metallurgical mechanical and plant engineering sector – SMS group. This achieved by mergers and acquisitions and individual development of the company. With more than 13,800 employees, SMS group generates worldwide sales of around 3.5 billion euros.

Today, the group of companies is family-owned in the fourth generation. Under the roof of SMS Holding GmbH, which – as financial holding – is responsible for the strategic planning and control, there are several internationally active suppliers of plants and machines used for processing steel and non-ferrous metals. In principle, the company is divided into the Business Areas SMS Siemag, SMS Meer and industrial participations.

Chairman of the Supervisory Board of the SMS group is Dr. Heinrich Weiss.

The SMS group is wholly owned by the Siemag Weiss GmbH & Co. KG, the holding of the entrepreneurial Weiss family. About 60 percent of the total sales of the SMS group is generated by the SMS Siemag Business Area; the product program of which covers the process chain with plants for the steel, aluminum and non-ferrous metals processing industries from ironmaking, steelmaking technology, continuous casters for flat products and rolling mills right through to surface-finishing lines for hot and cold strips including electric and automation as well as appertaining service. On the other hand, SMS Meer produces steelmaking/continuous casting technology for long products, pipe and tube plants, forging technology, copper and aluminum plants as well as closed-die forging plants, ring rolling machines and compatible heat technology. Moreover, both business units offer environmental facilities under the Ecoplants brand.

In the context of industrial participations, SMS group has also acquired a 60 percent majority-controlling interest in Paul Wurth S.A.,

Luxembourg and more than 90 percent of the shares in Elexis AG, Germany. Paul Wurth, as a worldwide active company, is a leading player in the construction of blast furnaces, coking plants and environmental protection facilities for iron and steel plants.

The Elexis group with its subsidiaries is technology leader for production automation, drive engineering and quality control.

Dr. Heinrich Weiss, the majority shareholder of the SMS group, restored the company to a complete family ownership in 2007.

With regard to employees, SMS group attaches great importance to long-term commitment: the average period of employment is more than 20 years. Long-term planning, sound financial management, action in accordance with values and a good knowledge of the cycles affecting mechanical and plant engineering have determined the strategic business policy of the SMS group for decades. During the financial and economic crisis in 2008/2009, SMS group redoubled its investments, in order to strengthen its competitiveness. Investments were made into the complete modernization of the manufacturing capacities, technical developments, training and further training of employees as well as expansions in the growth areas electric and automation, service and environmental technology.

As a typical medium-size family company with a rich tradition, SMS group attaches great importance on corporate culture. Employees from more than 40 nations work in an atmosphere that is characterized by personal responsibility, honesty, team spirit and flat hierarchies. As a high-technology company, which is in a leading position in several markets, the group needs to employ the brightest minds. Companies of the SMS group cooperate with universities and senior technical colleges and already attract the attention of promising up-and-coming talents by means of scholarships, internships and student research papers. With about seven percent, the rate of apprentices is continuously above average. This ideal has always been maintained as a social responsibility for training young people, even in economically bad times. The SMS Academy has been established for employees and offers a wide range of classes for personal development together with classic forms of training. We offer all employees the option of joining our profit-sharing scheme.