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Avtron Secures AC Drive Upgrade Contract for TATA-Jamshedpur Hot Shearing Line

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Independence, OH – Avtron's Industrial Automation Division and its India System Integration partner, Nelco, have received a contract to upgrade the Stacker System on the Hot Shearing Line at The Tata Iron and Steel Company (TISCO) in Jamshedpur, India. The contract is for Avtron's ACCel 500 Series AC Digital Drives to replace the existing AC Drives on the Plate Roller Tables. The main drives on the line were originally upgraded with Avtron's ADDvantage-32™ Advanced Digital Drives in 1994. This system was again upgraded in 2005 to include Avtron's IEEE 802.4 Ethernet Communications System. The success of these earlier projects led to the award of the new contract. When the Stacker Upgrade is completed in the first quarter 2007, the AC Drives will be integrated into the existing Ethernet Communications System on the mill. TISCO plans further upgrades to the Avtron/Nelco drive systems on the three Slab Casters and the Wire Rod Mill.

About Avtron Manufacturing Inc.

Avtron Manufacturing delivers drive systems, automation solutions and diagnostic software designed to help users reduce costs, increase efficiency and enhance profitability. With drive system solutions and services catering to virtually every heavy industry segment, Avtron Manufacturing provides a diverse array of capabilities including ac and dc drives, encoders, and high speed data acquisition and diagnostic software. Headquartered in Independence Ohio, Avtron Manufacturing, Inc. provides solutions for the global market.

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