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Avtron Secures Turnkey Contract for Continuous Slab Caster at Mittal Steel USA-Coatesville, PA Mill

Independence, OH – December 29, 2006 – Avtron's Industrial Automation Division has secured a contract to upgrade the electrical controls on the Continuous Caster at Mittal's Coatesville, PA mill. The Caster has a capacity of 700,000 tons/year and casts 9" x 85" slabs using a 166 ton Ladle. The contract calls for Avtron to supply eight ADDvantage-32™ Advanced Digital DC Drives along with Ethernet communications to the existing automation system, complete system/installation engineering services, and on-site turnkey installation/commissioning services.

This contract was a direct result of the mill's happiness with the on-going, multi-phased upgrade project Avtron is doing on the 140" Plate Mill. Prior to the Caster contract being awarded, the mill made a conscious decision to standardize on the Avtron ADDvantage-32™ drive.

The Caster is scheduled to be start up in the first quarter 2007.

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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