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## Press release

*Indian special steel producer starts production with KOCKS 3-roll technology*

### **First bar rolled and FAC signed for RSB® 370<sup>++</sup>/4 at Vardhman Special Steels**

**Vardhman Special Steels Ltd., one of India's leading producers of Special Bar Quality (SBQ) steel, has successfully rolled the first bar on its new Reducing & Sizing Block RSB® 370<sup>++</sup>/4 in the iF-awarded 5.0 design from KOCKS and signed the Final Acceptance Certificate (FAC) shortly afterwards. The start-up marks a key milestone in Vardhman's ongoing modernization efforts to meet the high demands of India's automotive and engineering industries.**

The RSB® 370<sup>++</sup>/4 operates as a finishing block behind a reversing breakdown mill and 10 H/V stands in the rolling mill, which is designed for an annual production capacity of 300,000 t. It enables Vardhman to produce round straight bars in the diameter range of 16.0 to 100.0 mm with high dimensional accuracy and optimal surface quality for downstream processing.

With this investment, Vardhman Special Steels continues to strengthen its position as a premium supplier of high-quality long products and to expand its product portfolio for both domestic and international customers. In addition to installation and commissioning, KOCKS experts provided on-site training and advisory services to allow for a smooth production start.

The successful first bar rolled within tolerance and the signing of the final acceptance certificate of the block shortly afterwards are the result of the close partnership between KOCKS and Vardhman – and are also an important milestone on Vardhman's way to producing high-quality SBQ products.

**Image Caption:** First bar on RSB® 370<sup>++</sup>/4 in the rolling mill of Vardhman Special Steels Ltd.

