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## **TMEIC AC Drives Powering New Pickle Line Tandem Cold Mill near Beijing**

**(Roanoke, Va.) Nov. 21, 2008**– TMEIC’s latest power electronic injection enhanced gate transistor (IEGT) AC drives are powering a new Pickle Line Tandem Cold Mill at Shougang Jingtang near Beijing, China. This new 2.15-million-ton sheet production plant produces high-value-added steel products.

TMEIC and TMEIC GE are providing a fully integrated automation system including motors, the TM family of AC drives, level 1 control, level 2 and process automation for the new mill.

Coordinated drive systems are an integral part of numerous manufacturing processes in the metals industry. TMEIC and TMEIC GE’s system addresses all of these applications with a robust control platform and a common Microsoft Windows-based TMEIC GE System Toolbox®. The toolbox supports local and remote connectivity, and is an invaluable asset for system and process analysis.

“As China’s steel production continues to grow to meet their domestic needs, the industry places greater demand on producing high quality steel in addition to increased tonnage demands,” says Declan Daly, Metals Business Manager for TMEIC GE. “We’re pleased that so many of China’s largest steel producers have chosen TMEIC and TMEIC GE products and engineering expertise to produce steel that complies with the increasingly discriminating needs of the marketplace.”

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### ***About TMEIC GE***

*TMEIC GE is a joint venture between Toshiba, Mitsubishi Electric, and General Electric in the industrial drive systems business. The company employs 2,200 people and has annual sales in excess of \$2B. TMEIC GE is built on the combined and proud heritage of these companies, delivering customer success--every project, every time.*

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### ***About Shougang Co., Ltd. (SGJT)***

*Beijing Shougang Group is China's fourth largest steel maker. Founded in 1919, Shougang Group (also Capital Iron and Steel Group) spearheaded numerous*

*technological breakthroughs in China's iron and steel industry and has remained the country's industrial pride for decades.*