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**RAUTOMEAD INTRODUCES NEW ENTRY-LEVEL COPPER ROD CASTING MACHINE**

**Continuous casting technology specialists, Rautomead Limited, of Dundee, Scotland, have developed a new entry-level RSCC copper rod casting machine that offers users the advantages of the company's proprietary casting technology at an exceptionally competitive price.**

The new model has been designed specifically for the production of CuOF and CuAg wire rod. It is available in two configurations, either as a 4-strand machine for 8mm diameter rod for high quality wire drawing applications, or as a 3-strand machine for 12mm – 22mm diameter to make feedstock for Continuous Extrusion Technology. It has an output capacity of 3,500 tonnes per year, shares many of the unique technical features of the larger Rautomead RS wire rod casting machines, and benefits from over thirty years of graphite technology continuous casting experience.

The result of a significant market review, and by utilising the company's innovative culture and internal processes, the RSCC model is designed for production of best quality feedstock rod for the continuous extrusion process.

Whilst utilising many of the technical features associated with other Rautomead equipment, including the company's unique high-quality casting technology, the RSCC model provides customers with a unique entry point into production of the highest quality oxygen-free copper.

In an effort to minimise customer investment, the RSCC model has been designed to provide users with the option to arrange local manufacture and supply of selected component parts of the continuous casting equipment, according to drawings and information provided by Rautomead.

Rautomead Limited has been building continuous casting machines for over thirty years. One of the company's specialist applications is in machines for production of the highest quality oxygen-free copper rod.

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Key features of the new Rautomead RSCC entry-level model include:

- Highest quality oxygen-free rod
- Either 8mm or 12.5mm - 22mm cast rod diameter
- Up to 3,500 tonnes per year
- Chopped cathode feed
- Graphite furnace
- Simple technology
- Safe operation
- Low capital cost
- Low operating cost

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