



Tubular Ultrasound signs 5-year agreement with Rocky Mountain Steel Mills

(The Woodlands, TX - September 28, 2001) Rocky Mountain Steel Mills (RMSM), the nation's third largest producer of seamless Oil Country Tubular Goods (OCTG), has signed a five-year contract with Tubular Ultrasound, L.P., to provide high-speed ultrasonic tubular inspection services at its Pueblo, Colorado steel mill.



Tubular Ultrasound UTFL inspection system.

Tubular Ultrasound, an affiliate of the Houston Advanced Research Center, will install and operate the latest generation of its inspection technology, developed with assistance from the U.S. Department of Energy.

Tubular Ultrasound, L.P. maintains offices and manufacturing facilities on the HARC campus in The Woodlands, Texas. The company designs and operates high-speed ultrasonic inspection systems for the OCTG and petrochemical process industries.

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