# **Engineering Business Activities of Kawasaki Steel** in the Field of Continuous Casting\*

## 1 Continuous Casting Technologies Marketed by Kawasaki Steel

| Quality Improvement Technologies |   |  |
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| Process Area                     | Technical Items   | Representative Examples  |
| Ladle-Tundish                    | <ul> <li>Ladle slag cut system</li> <li>Optimum tundish specification design</li> <li>Nonoxidizing atmosphere sealed tundish</li> <li>Hot tundish recycling</li> <li>In-tundish refining techniques<br/>(Centrifugal separation tundish, tundish heater, in-tundish alloy addition techniques)</li> </ul>   | Centrifugal Flow Fundish  Ladle  Moften from  Electromagnetic stirrer  |
| Tundish-Mold                     | <ul> <li>System for gas blowing in immersion nozzle</li> <li>Immersion nozzle design technology</li> <li>High-accuracy meniscus level control system (Observer control, H<sub>∞</sub> control, others)</li> <li>Electromagnetic flow control device for bath in mold (FC mold)</li> <li>Optimum mold design and mold cooling techniques</li> <li>Optimum mold powder design techniques</li> </ul> | Flow Control Mold (FC Mold)  Without FC Mold (Immersion nozzle Disturbee menicus Location of iron cores Immersion of Iron core |
| Caster proper                    | Optimum machine profile design  Optimum secondary cooling control system design  Electromagnetic stirring system (EMS)  Segregation control technology for unsolidified part of cast strand (Continuous forging process)  Beam blank forging machine  | Continuous Forging Process  Unsolidified port positioning cylinder reducer motor cronk shaft No. 4 No. 2  No. 4 No. 2  No. 3  resetting cylinder cy |
| Technical guidance               | Ultra-clean steel (DI can steel, ULC steel, bearing steel, others)  Stainless steel, special steels, others   |  |

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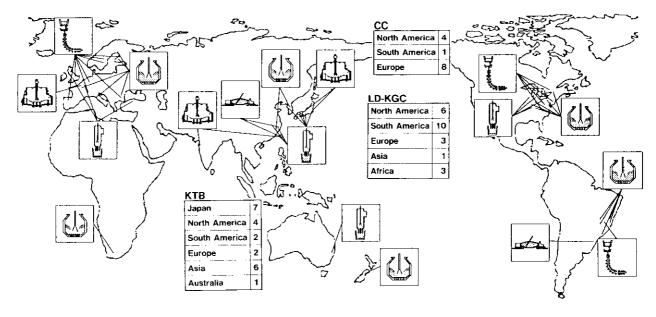
#### Efficiency Improvement Technologies

- · High-speed casting techniques
- High-speed, high-accuracy continuous width-changing equipment
- · Break-out prediction device
- · DHCR-related technology
- · CC-rolling synchronization technology
- Long-life immersion nozzle
- Double-torch cutter type high-speed slab cutting
- Techniques for working ratio improvement by high-reliability equipment (Life-extension techniques for copper mold plates and segments, bearing maintenance techniques using oil-air system, SUS630 roll introduction)
- Real-time equipment condition monitoring and diagnosis system
- Time-saving techniques for mold exchanges
   (Automatic connection/removal of mold piping/wiring,
   automatic opening and closing mold cover, remote automatic
   changing equipment for bending unit and segment thickness
   automatic segment connection)

#### Automation and Labor Saving Technologies, etc.

- · Automatic powder charging device
- · Immersion nozzle exchange device
- Hardware insertion device for heterogeneous steel grades
- Fully-automatic equipment for hot tundish recycling (Automatic discharge device for steel remaining in tundish, fast automatic equipment for sliding nozzle refractory replacement at casthouse)
- Centralized monitoring and operation system for ladle and mold auxiliary equipment
- · Automatic slab-handling crane
- · EIC integration system
- Fast quality evaluation system
- · Blade-oscillation type torch-burr removal device
- Tundish castable refractory techniques
- Automated tundish repair equipment

### 2 Record of Technical Cooperation and Sales in the Field of Steelmaking



#### 3 Sales Arrangements

- (1) Full-turn key and turn key contracts
- (2) Basic engineering, construction management, operational guidance, and training
- (3) Hardware, detection systems, equipment diagnosis systems, refractories
- (4) Production control/material handling control system
- (5) Owner consulting

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