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**Continuous casting technology specialists, Rautomead Limited, of Dundee, Scotland, have sold one of their horizontal continuous billet casting machines to Cimini & Associates Inc., of Rhode Island, USA.**

The new machine is a model RT 650 single strand billet casting model. It will be fed with pre-alloyed molten metal and will be used to cast 4" diameter silver and silver alloy billets for subsequent extrusion. The machine may also be used to produce flat products up to 6" wide.

A special feature of Rautomead's casting technology is the use of a graphite crucible furnace with its naturally oxygen-reducing characteristics. This makes it particularly suitable for the holding and casting of silver which is otherwise very prone to oxygen pick-up in the molten state.

Comments Rautomead Chairman, Sir Michael Nairn, "As an organisation that regularly sells continuous casting equipment on a global scale, it was nevertheless particularly rewarding to secure this significant order for the supply of a silver billet caster with a company in the United States."

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Following delivery, a Rautomead engineer will commission the machine at the customer's works in USA.

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