Latest pull rod increases ATOX® mill availability

Key benefits
- 30% stronger than before
- Increased lifetime
- Increases ATOX® mill stability
- Global stocking for convenience and fast response
- Same price, more value

Pull rods breaking can be challenging for any maintenance manager. Operating conditions can cause pull rods to unexpectedly break during production. And even if the material silo capacity allows a short stop of the mill, replacing broken pull rods can be demanding, time consuming and costly.

Up to 30% stronger pull rod
FLSmidth has increased the lifetime of its pull rods by making them up to 30% stronger through an intelligent design. The design increases ATOX mill availability and ensures more stable, reliable mill operation.

Traditional vs. new design
3D design with Finite Element Analysis shows that the traditional pull rod design has increased stress around the shaft near the connection flange, indicated in red (see fig. 1). The new design does not indicate any high levels of stress concentrations (see fig. 2).

To prevent fatigue failure, the surface is carefully machined, polished, degreased and painted, ensuring that no micro cracks are present and thereby preventing unexpected breakage.

Product performance
The new design ensures the pull rod performs excellently under vibrations and heavy-duty conditions, maximising pull rod lifetime. Several plants have been upgraded with the new design, giving clients a stable mill operation.

The new pull rods are compatible with ATOX mills with following mill sizes: 20; 22.5; 25; 30; 32.5; 35; 40; 42.5; 47.5; 52.5; 55; 57 without modifications.

Extensive quality testing
The pull rod is manufactured from high-quality steel alloy and certified according to FLSmidth standards. The material is tested for tensile strength, impact, surface finish and structure analysis.

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