

The invention relates to a method for producing pig iron. Iron ore is reduced in a reduction shaft (1) for forming sponge iron which is subsequently introduced into the head of a melt-down gasifier (3). The sponge iron is melt open in said gasifier by means of a gasifying means that is also introduced into the head of the melt-down gasifier and an oxygen-containing gas and is melt-down to form liquid pig iron, whereby a reduction gas is produced at the same time. Said reduction gas is discharged from the head of the melt-down gasifier and is supplied to the reduction shaft for reducing the iron oxide. Operation of the melt-down gasifier is controlled in such a way that a reduction gas having a certain composition and being present in a certain amount is produced so that the sponge iron that is introduced into the melt-down gasifier is provided with a high metallisation degree. Operation of the melt-down gasifier is also controlled by introducing iron oxide therein. The metallisation degree of all the iron carriers which are introduced into the melt-down gasifier is reduced in relation to the metallisation degree of the sponge iron and by means of said iron oxide.