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ArcelorMittal Poland to defer the restart of blast furnace due to World Youth Days

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After discussion with the authorities of Krakow and Malopolska, ArcelorMittal Poland has decided to defer the restart of blast furnace no. 5 in its Krakow Unit. The operation was originally planned for the period before the World Youth Days taking place in Krakow. It will now commence in the late hours of July 31.

Blast furnace is an installation in which hot metal is made, which is then transported to the steel shop where steel is produced. The only blast furnace in ArcelorMittal Poland's Krakow Unit has just undergone a major overhaul. This investment, whose value exceeds PLN 175 m, will significantly improve the unit's environmental footprint. The blast furnace will now have Europe's most modern cooling system and the two modernised electrostatic precipitators will reduce emissions into the air to levels compliant with limits coming into force only in 2018.

- The start-up procedure results in fugitive emissions, which are part of the technology. The emissions may occur periodically for 3-4 days but I want to emphasise that they are not harmful to human health. Due to their nature, they are also very unlikely to travel long distance and we will most probably be able to limit their impact to the area of Krakow plant. Nevertheless, they will be visible – explains Sanjay Samaddar, chairman of the Board of Directors at ArcelorMittal Poland.

- Emissions during the start-up of the installation are provided for in the Environmental Protection Law.– comments Paweł Ciećko, director at Provincial Environmental Protection Inspectorate in Malopolska. In order to avoid concern among the pilgrims and other participants of the World Youth Days, the authorities of Krakow have asked ArcelorMittal Poland to defer the restart until after the event. The company has decided to accommodate this request.

- The decision we have taken is an exceptional one as it will certainly impact our results – comments Sanjay Samaddar. – But we understand the importance of the World Youth Days and, being a good corporate citizen, we want to contribute to their success – he adds.

- I appreciate the position of ArcelorMittal Poland on the deferment of the restart and I want to thank the management of the company for its openness and for taking a good and wise decision – said Józef Pilch, the governor of Malopolska.

Before the start-up is commenced, ArcelorMittal Poland is going to provide detailed information on the procedure to both WIOŚ and the crisis management centre so that the residents of Krakow are informed in good time.

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About ArcelorMittal Poland

ArcelorMittal Poland is the biggest steel producer on the Polish market with about 70% of production capacity of the Polish steel industry. The company consists of five steel plants located in Krakow, Dabrowa Gornicza, Sosnowiec, Swietochlowice and Chorzow. It also owns the largest coke plant in Europe – ZK Zdzieszowice. ArcelorMittal Poland employs over 11,000 people and over 14,000 if subsidiaries are taken into account. The company produces a wide range of long, flat, special and semi products for construction, transport and white goods industries.

During the 11 years of presence in Poland, the company has transformed Polish steelmaking. It has invested over PLN 5,5 bn in modernizing every stage of the production process. Thanks to increasing H&S standards, the company has reduced its accident frequency rate by more than 90 percent. It has decreased the CO2 emissions by 25 percent, thanks to which it has become more environmentally friendly. The company is 1 of 3 companies worldwide able to produce 120 meter rails.

ArcelorMittal Poland is consistently engaged in supporting local communities by carrying out educational, health and safety programmes. In the last 11 years the company has invested over PLN 15,5 m in these projects.

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Through our core values of sustainability, quality and leadership, we operate responsibly with respect to the health, safety and wellbeing of our employees, contractors and the communities in which we operate. For us, steel is the fabric of life, as it is at the heart of the modern world from railways to cars and washing machines. We are actively researching and producing steel-based technologies and solutions that make many of the products and components people use in their everyday lives more energy efficient.

We are one of the world's five largest producers of iron ore and metallurgical coal and our mining business is an essential part of our growth strategy. With a geographically diversified portfolio of iron ore and coal assets, we are strategically positioned to serve our network of steel plants and the external global market. While our steel operations are important customers, our supply to the external market is increasing as we grow.

In 2015, ArcelorMittal had revenues of US\$63.6 billion and crude steel production of 92.5 million tonnes, while own iron ore production reached 62.8 million tonnes. ArcelorMittal is listed on the stock exchanges of New York (MT), Amsterdam (MT), Paris (MT), Luxembourg (MT) and on the Spanish stock exchanges of Barcelona, Bilbao, Madrid and Valencia (MTS).

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