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## ***ArcelorMittal Poland to spend PLN 120 m on modernization of its Sosnowiec plant***

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***ArcelorMittal Poland has decided to carry out an extensive modernization of its wire rod mill in Sosnowiec. The objective of the undertaking is primarily improvement of product quality. The cost of the project amounts to PLN 120 m.***

ArcelorMittal Poland's Unit in Sosnowiec, former Huta Cedler, is starting the preparations for the modernization of its wire rod mill. The works shall be divided into two stages. The first one has been planned for autumn next year. The second one shall take place in autumn 2019. The cost of the project amounts to almost PLN 120 m.

### **Safety, quality and volume**

The scope of works includes replacement of numerous pieces of equipment, including drives and rolling devices and their control systems. This will improve the line reliability and the safety of its operation. Moreover, the modification and replacement of certain parts will allow for improvement of quality of the products offered and for the increase of the rolling speed to 100 m per second. As a result of this, the mill's capacity will increase from 700 thousand to 800 thousand tonnes per year.

*- This investment is our response to the fact that the demand for high quality value added products among our customers is growing – explains Sanjay Samaddar, chairman of the board at ArcelorMittal Poland. – However, we invest in high added value products also due to the fact that we hope that they will allow us to survive on the market. The fact that the 4<sup>th</sup> phase of the EU ETS (European Union's Emissions Trading Scheme) is coming into force constitutes a serious threat to the competitiveness of the European steelmaking. The reality is that even the most efficient steel plants in Europe are going to see cost increases because of the scheme, which doesn't provide a level playing field and exposes European steelmakers to costs that will not have to be borne by our global peers – he adds.*

Wire rod is used for production of i.a.: springs, screws, nails and bolts, as well as supermarket trolleys, car shock absorbers and wipers, garden hoses, wire fences and tyre cords.

The plant in Sosnowiec currently employs ca. 400 persons.

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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.*

*The company has transformed Polish steelmaking. It has invested PLN 6 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. The company has invested over PLN 16 m in these projects.*

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*ArcelorMittal is the world's leading steel and mining company, with a presence in 60 countries and an industrial footprint in 18 countries. Guided by a philosophy to produce safe, sustainable steel, we are the leading supplier of quality steel in the major global steel markets including automotive, construction, household appliances and packaging, with world-class research and development and outstanding distribution networks.*

*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. 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 2016, ArcelorMittal had revenues of \$56.8 billion and crude steel production of 90.8 million tonnes, while own iron ore production reached 55.2 million tonnes.*

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