

news release

Going wider – ArcelorMittal launches new generation of extra-wide sheet piles

Luxembourg, 2 July 2015 – Wider, lighter and stronger: ArcelorMittal introduces a new generation of more cost-efficient, extra-wide sheet piles, which contribute to an additional value creation for its customers.

Continuous research and development as well as close cooperation with customers for sheet piling solutions enabled ArcelorMittal to become world leader in the production of hot-rolled sheet piles. ArcelorMittal sheet piles have a long tradition and have been leading the way for many decades. The new range of wider sheet piles will be produced in the ArcelorMittal mill in Luxembourg which has a history of over 100 years in sheet pile production. The sheet piles are made from 100% recycled steel that can be re-used and recycled.

The group makes it a priority to pass on the research benefits to its customers. “Innovation is key to maintaining our position as the partner of choice. We focus on high quality, outstanding service and technological development to serve our customers with efficient and sustainable product solutions”, comments Augustine Kochuparampil, CEO at ArcelorMittal Europe – Long Products.

35 million EUR investment in Belval

As state-of-the-art sheet piles require top class production facilities, ArcelorMittal has invested 35 million EUR in its highly specialized rolling mill in Belval, Luxembourg. New straightening equipment is the key element of this investment, which enables the production of wider sheet piles.

Since 2004, ArcelorMittal has observed a steady increase in demand for sheet piles with widths of over 700 mm. After extensive finite element simulations, optimisations and driving tests under real conditions, the group will start production of the new considerably lighter sheet piles with a width of up to 800 mm in September 2015. The increased width of these AZ-800 sheet piles reduces the required number of elements and consequently leads to faster execution time.

About the new AZ profiles

ArcelorMittal will launch four new sizes of sheet piles in the coming months:

September 2015: AZ 25-800

November 2015: AZ 30-750

H1/2016: AZ 20-800 & AZ 50-700

The wider AZ range is suitable for all types of soil conditions, has excellent driveability and allows for the use of standard pile driving equipment.

All new profiles will be available in high strength steels that enable the design of lighter sheet pile sections with a higher moment of inertia reducing the overall deformation under loads. All prefabricated elements are quality-checked at the plant before delivery.

Service philosophy

The market introduction of the new range shall strengthen the competitive position of ArcelorMittal's sheet piling customers in the foundations solutions market. ArcelorMittal is a strong partner, being fully aware of its responsibilities as market leader.

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Germany

With a production volume of around 7 million tonnes crude steel, ArcelorMittal is among the largest steel producer in Germany. Its customers come from the automotive, construction and packaging industry, household appliances also belong to ArcelorMittal's customers in Germany. The group runs four large production sites in the country. These are two fully integrated flat carbon sites in Bremen and Eisenhüttenstadt as well as two long carbon sites in Hamburg and Duisburg. Moreover the group has seven steel service centers and 16 distribution centers in the federal republic. ArcelorMittal employs more than 9,000 people in Germany.

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Worldwide

ArcelorMittal is the world's leading steel and mining company, with a presence in more than 60 countries. ArcelorMittal is the leader in all major global carbon steel markets, including automotive, construction, household appliances and packaging, with leading R&D and technology. The Group also has a world class mining business with a global portfolio of over 20 mines in operation and development, and is the world's 4th largest iron ore producer. With operations in over 22 countries spanning four continents, the Company covers all of the key industrial markets, from emerging to mature, and has outstanding distribution networks. Through its core values of sustainability, quality and leadership, ArcelorMittal commits to operating in a responsible way with respect to the health, safety and well-being of its employees, contractors and the communities in which it operates. It is also committed to the sustainable management of the environment. It takes a leading role in the industry's efforts to develop breakthrough steelmaking technologies and is actively researching and developing steel-based technologies and solutions that contribute to combat climate change. ArcelorMittal is a member of the FTSE4Good Index and the Dow Jones Sustainability World Index. In 2014, ArcelorMittal had revenues of \$79.3 billion and crude steel production of 93.1 million tonnes, iron ore deliveries amounted to 63.9 million tons. 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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