

news release

New ladle furnace for Hamburg steelworks

Hamburg, 25 March 2013 - ArcelorMittal today inaugurated a new ladle furnace in the Hamburg steelworks. Economics Senator Frank Horch was present at the ceremony.

Ladle furnaces are used for “refinement” of the liquid steel. Various alloying elements which give the steel its desired properties are added in the ladle furnace depending on the steel grade. The liquid steel is brought up to within a few degrees of exactly the right casting temperature before the melt is transferred to the continuous casting mill after approximately 50 minutes.

Lutz Bandusch, CEO of ArcelorMittal Hamburg, said, “The new ladle furnace, in which we have invested 3.5 million euros, will make a significant contribution to further improvement in the quality of our wire rod.”

Quality wires make high demands on the steel’s level of purity. Tyre insertion wires, for example, are ultimately no thicker than a hair and processing problems occur if there are even the slightest impurities in the steel. The additional ladle furnace extends the treatment time so that it becomes possible to produce even these sensitive qualities with the best possible result. The furnace also has a redesigned wire feeding machine which enables additives to be fed into the furnace in the form of wire.

Arnaud Poupart-Lafarge, CEO of Long Carbon Europe, of which the Hamburg plant is a part, said: “Our Hamburg plant is one of the world’s leading suppliers of high-quality wire rod. We are firmly convinced that ArcelorMittal will also produce high-quality products in Hamburg in the future.”

ArcelorMittal Hamburg was established in 1969 as Hamburger Stahlwerke GmbH. The plant has a special feature: its own direct reduction plant, the only one in Western Europe, which generates

up to 600,000 metric tons of sponge iron per year. ArcelorMittal Hamburg is also in the top group among the world's leading plants in the fields of productivity and energy efficiency. Its location in Germany's largest sea port ensures important logistical advantages.

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About ArcelorMittal

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 8,000 people in Germany.

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 2011, ArcelorMittal had revenues of \$84.2 billion and crude steel production of 88.2 million tonnes, representing approximately 6 per cent of world steel output. 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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