

# news release

# ArcelorMittal delivers organic coated steel for sustainable building solutions

Hannover, 24 April 2012 – With over 50 years experience in producing coated coils for the building market, ArcelorMittal Flat Carbon Europe is proud to announce the release of "Nspired by Nature" at Hannover Messe. "Nature" is a brand new product line of organic coated products that really do care for the environment.

"Nature" is the result of more than 15 years of successful research and testing and is always delivered with coatings and surface treatments free of hexavalent chromium and heavy metals (lead or hexavalent chromium complex).

This good news comes well in advance of European Union's REACH regulations on the Registration, Evaluation, Authorisation and Restriction of Chemical Substances. ArcelorMittal is considered a pioneer in the development of chromate-free technologies including chromatefree primers and surface treatments.

"At ArcelorMittal, we truly believe in the principles of sustainable development and are fully committed to making sure that our steel contributes to the future growth of environmentally responsible construction. As such, ArcelorMittal has invested in new technologies over the past two decades, resulting in subsequent reductions in energy consumption and CO2 emissions, a reduced life cycle impact and increased volumes of steel scrap being recycled", comments Jean-Martin Van der Hoeven, Chief Marketing Officer at Flat Carbon Europe.

The environmental advantages of steel as a building material are well documented and widely recognised. Steel is 100% recyclable, indefinitely and without loss of quality. As such steel recovery within the construction and automotive industry is as high as 85% resulting in 600 million tonnes of CO2 emissions savings each year.

"Nature" has undergone an extensive indoor and outdoor testing program spanning several years, during which time the steel was exposed to different sources of corrosion and weathering conditions at various locations around the world. The results were excellent, especially with regard to Nature's resistance to corrosion (including edge corrosion), paint peeling and film integrity.

ArcelorMittal guarantees that the new Nature 'chromate-free' product line reaches the same mechanical and aesthetic standard as products that contain chromates. As such, products from the Nature collection are guaranteed up to 30 years (depending on the environment), which is more than other organic coated products.

ArcelorMittal is present at Hannover Messe in Hall 6, D23 at the Stahl-Info Germany stand and in Hall 13, B21 at the Luxembourg country stand.

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# About ArcelorMittal

## Luxembourg

ArcelorMittal has its worldwide headquarters in Luxembourg. The group is present at 16 sites in the country, including corporate centers in Luxembourg-City and Esch-sur-Alzette, various steel production facilities of long, flat and wire products as well as distribution and steel service centers. ArcelorMittal also runs a R&D Center in Esch-sur-Alzette. ArcelorMittal Luxembourg is a top producer of long products like beams and steel sheet piles that provide innovative solutions to the modern construction industry. Heavy Jumbo sections and high performance steel grades from ArcelorMittal in Differdange have a worldwide reputation for use in high rise buildings and save up to 40% of material weight (and accordingly CO2). Steel sheet piles from ArcelorMittal in Belval have achieved leadership in this market segment through high quality and reliability. In Dudelange ArcelorMittal produces high added value flat steel sheets, which deliver lightweight solutions for the automotive industry.

In 2011 ArcelorMittal produced 2.6 million tonnes of crude steel in Luxembourg.

### 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 \$94.0 billion and crude steel production of 91.9 million tonnes, representing approximately 6 per cent of world steel output. The Group's mining operations produced 54 million tonnes of iron ore and 8 million tonnes of metallurgical coal.

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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