



ArcelorMittal

# news release

## Industeel Belgium successfully implements €18m upgrade of thick slab caster

20 June 2016 - Industeel, ArcelorMittal's subsidiary specialized in the production of hot rolled steel plates, ingots and formed pieces, has successfully upgraded its thick slab caster in collaboration with Danieli. The investment project had a volume of €18 million.

The revamped slab caster at Industeel's Charleroi plant in Belgium is now designed to produce slabs with a thickness of up to 355mm thick and a width of up to 2.2m, in stainless, carbon and low alloyed steel grades. The upgrade enables Industeel Belgium to produce the thickest stainless steel slabs available on the market.

The new slab caster has come on-line at the end of 2015 and the first hot rolled plates have been tested successfully in terms of metallurgical quality. "Thanks to this new technology, the plant is extending its plate dimensional capacity to 20 tonnes unit weight and up to 175mm thickness, in order to meet the demands of the heavy plate market", comments Luc Libersens, Plant Director at ArcelorMittal Charleroi.

Bertrand Jacquier, CEO at Industeel, adds: "This project will allow Industeel to offer a larger dimensional range of special grades such as HIC resistant and CrMo grades for pressure vessels, high-strength steels, stainless steels, alloyed steels for plastic injection moulds. It will further improve our competitiveness on these markets and complete the dimensional range with the extra-heavy plates produced by Industeel France via the ingot route."

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### **About ArcelorMittal**

#### **Europe**

*ArcelorMittal employs more than 80,000 people and produces approximately half of its total steel volume in Europe. With a presence in 17 European countries and around 400 different sites, ArcelorMittal Europe had revenues of €29 billion and a crude steel production of 44 million tonnes in 2015. We supply flat and long steel products for all major steel markets, including the automotive, construction, packaging and household appliances industry – supported by a leading R&D and distribution network with 9 laboratories and 1,000 full-time researchers in Europe.*

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### **About Industeel**

*Industeel is specialized in the production of hot rolled steel plates, ingots and formed pieces, with the largest dimension range worldwide. Producing both carbon and stainless steels, Industeel offers a complete range of high quality steel grades designed to meet the most severe customer specifications. Dedicated to special products, Industeel employs around 2,100 people and has more than 40 sales offices around the world. In 2015, Industeel delivered more than 300,000 tons of high-quality steel products."*

For more details about Industeel please visit [www.industeel.info](http://www.industeel.info).

### **Worldwide**

*ArcelorMittal is the world's leading steel and mining company, with a presence in 60 countries and an industrial footprint in 19 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 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.

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