



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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About ArcelorMittal

Europe
ArcelorMittal employs more than 100,000 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 €35 billion and a crude steel production of 43 million tonnes in 2014. 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.

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 2014, ArcelorMittal had revenues of US\$79.3 billion and crude steel production of 93.1 million tonnes, while own iron ore production reached 63.9 million tonnes.

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