



ArcelorMittal's Solano® goes Nature

Luxembourg, 6 August 2015 – Solano®, the leading coated steel for roofing and cladding building applications, joins ArcelorMittal's Nature range, a collection of organic coated steels that are entirely free of phthalates, chromates and heavy metals[1]. ArcelorMittal confirms its leadership by being the first manufacturer to offer a thick coated steel (200 microns) free of hexavalent chromium-based compounds.

These chemicals, referred to by EU REACH[2] legislation as "substances of very high concern" (SVHCs) and potentially hazardous to human health, will be gradually phased out in Europe starting in 2017. ArcelorMittal Europe – Flat Products has decided to anticipate these regulatory deadlines.

ArcelorMittal Europe – Flat Products has been developing its green technologies for a long time and in 2011, the division created its **Nature** range, a sustainable organic coated steel product line with coatings and surface treatments that are entirely compliant with REACH.

Solano® therefore joins the **Nature** range, which also includes the Granite® and Estetic® coated steels.

Solano® **Nature** is more respectful of the environment and offers unbeatable durability[3]; the coating is applied on a hot dip galvanized or galfan substrate. Solano® **Nature**'s unmatched flexibility means it can be processed by bending, cold rolling and deep drawing while preserving the aesthetics.

"In terms of respect for the environment and human health, Solano® **Nature** is the obvious choice of cladding material for buildings erected in demanding industrial or coastal environments, while retaining its unbeatable performances in terms of flexibility and corrosion resistance," says André Lavaud, product marketing manager, ArcelorMittal Europe - Flat Products.

With Solano® **Nature**, the whole range of ArcelorMittal Europe – Flat Products organic coated steels is now free of chromates and heavy metals, complying fully to European REACH legislation.

[1] lead or hexavalent chromium complex

[2] REACH: Registration, Evaluation, Autorisation and Restriction of Chemicals

[3] Solano® is listed in the corrosion resistance category RC5 (the highest level) and the UV resistance category RUV3 under the European standard EN 10169

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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.

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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