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Number of injuries dropped in ArcelorMittal Companies

Ostrava February 3, 2010 – In the year 2009 the total number of injuries with lost work days in ArcelorMittal Ostrava was just nine. Compared with 21 injuries in 2009 it was a significant drop. “Safety work and health protection is one of our priorities and we adopted mainly preventive approach,” explains the safety director Jiří Michálek. Also in the previous year the company invested in new reflective safety coatings in the risky areas and also on the engines, in highlighting and lighting of zebra crossings and in safety facilities on crane races.

The trend is similar also in the subsidiary companies of ArcelorMittal Ostrava. The rolling mills of ArcelorMittal Frýdek-Místek reported no injury with lost work days last year. “Concerning injury rate, this is the best result in the entire history of the company,” says Petr Jemelka the head of safety department. The number of injuries with lost work days dropped year-to year – while in the year 2009 the total of injuries with lost work days was 29, in 2009 it was 12 and last year none.

The company ArcelorMittal Tubular Products Ostrava (former Tube Rolling Plant) reached the same excellent result. While in the year 2005 the total of injuries with lost work days was 12, in 2008 it was four and in 2009 zero. In the company Arcelormittal Tubular Products Karviná (former Jäkl Karviná) they reported 17 injuries with lost work days in 2006, two in 2008 and last year just one.

“We try to concentrate maximum of our efforts in the area of prevention, to draw attention of our employees to safety issues. We consider ideas of our employees very precious,” states Michálek. However the steel company utilizes also good practices from other companies of the international Group. “Thus we for example used the little figure named Jarda that our people saw in Belgium,” reminds the safety director. It is an orange little figure placed in the space of work injury. The figure bears the description of the injury event. “It is a warning sign for our employees, and our interest is to have smallest possible number of these figures in our shops,” adds Michálek.

ArcelorMittal Ostrava a.s. is the biggest steel company in the Czech Republic and it belongs to world biggest steel group ArcelorMittal. The annual capacity of the company is 3 million tons of steel. Approximately 50% of the production is exported to 80 countries of the world. The company headcount is 5970 and together with its subsidiary companies 7300 employees. The biggest shareholders of the company are ArcelorMittal Holdings A. G. (82,548 % of shares) and Harvton Investment Ltd. (13,881 % of shares). In the fiscal year 2008 (1. 4. 2008 – 31. 12. 2008) the consolidated profit of the company after taxation was CZK 6.077 billion, with the total revenues CZK 50.5 billion. ArcelorMittal Ostrava is one of the biggest tax payers in the Czech Republic.