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**The HIPH Board has issued a number of letters concerning many important and priority matters regarding the activities of the Association's member companies including to:**

- The Minister of the Environment, The Minister of Entrepreneurship and Technology, and MEPs; EUROFER's position letter on "Strategy for long-term greenhouse gas emission reduction in the EU - a ground-breaking legal framework for low-carbon steel", which describes in detail the necessary policy measures for successful transformation. This is an action necessary for the EU to meet the ambitious climate goals it has set for 2050. To achieve this, the long-term EU strategy to reduce greenhouse gas emissions cannot only identify and mobilize investments from public and private sources to carry out R & D tasks on the level of demonstration, scale-up and commercialization of breakthrough technologies, but also to ensure global competitiveness of our industry – 06.02.2019;
- The Ministry of Environment, submitting comments to the draft regulation of the Minister of the Environment of February 1, 2019 on specific requirements for waste storage – 18.02.2019;
- The Minister of Maritime Economy and Inland Navigation, the Minister of Entrepreneurship and Technology, sending a letter regarding the potential use of the national steel industry in the context of large investment projects coordinated by the Ministry of Maritime Economy and Inland Shipping with a request for a meeting with the steel industry in the Ministry – 22.02.2019;
- The Ministry of Environment, sending a joint intervention of the Forum of Electricity and Gas Buyers FOEEiG and the Metallurgical Chamber of Industry and Commerce HIPH, to request considering the amendment to the Waste Act and implementing acts, including draft regulations and amendments

to the provisions regarding obligations of: video monitoring, security bonds, fire-fighting protection, shortening the storage period, technical requirements for storage areas – 26.02.2019;

- The Ministry of Energy, sending comments of the steel community as part of public consultations on the draft act amending the act on renewable energy sources and some other acts (UD477) – 06.03.2019;

- co-signing by HIPH, together with other European companies and organizations, of the Joint Call to the Heads of State: "Let's Put Industry at the Core of the EU's Future!" – 07.03.2019;

- MEPs, a request to take into account the comments of the steel industry during the vote of the ENVI Committee on the establishment of a framework to facilitate sustainable investment (the so-called "Taxonomy"), which is considered a valuable tool in mobilizing investment in the EU to achieve a sustainable transition to a low-carbon economy, 11.03.2019;

- The Head of the National Fiscal Administration at the Ministry of Finance, and the Minister of Enterprise and Technology, sending letters regarding the safeguarding measures imposed by the European Commission on the importation of steel products from third countries. Attention was sought to the real threat of circumvention and uncontrollable bringing in of steel products to the European Union market. Suggestion was made that new negative developments could be expected such as violations of regulations regarding origin, classification of goods, etc. Indication was made that the greatest threat to domestic producers may involve such steel products as: pipes and tubes, reinforcing bars, wire rod, hollow sections, HRC and CRC – 14.03.2019;

- The Minister of the Environment with a copy to the Prime Minister, the Minister of Entrepreneurship and Technology, and the Minister of Energy, proposing amendments to the provisions on waste and environmental protection to ensure their efficient and effective focus on fraud control while ensuring respect for the principle of proportionality in the application of these provisions by law-abiding enterprises – 29.03.2019;

- The Environment Committee and the National Economy and Innovation Committee of the Senate of the Republic of Poland; a request to allow the participation of HIPH representatives in the joint Committees session on April 11, 2019, to discuss the "Impact of the Waste Act on the Operating Conditions of Industrial Plants in Poland" – 09.04.2019;

- The Ministry of Entrepreneurship and Technology (Industrial Policy Department, Innovations Department); requesting the organization of a working meeting to

discuss further steps related to the notification of the capacity market relief in the context of the European Commission decision on the capacity market relief - 19.04. 2019;

- The Ministry of Entrepreneurship and Technology, sending the position of HIPH regarding the draft bill on amending the Waste Act and the Environmental Protection Law together with the list of waste codes of non-flammable properties for the steel sector – 30.04.2019r.

### HIPH Council Session

19.03.2019 saw a meeting of the HIPH Council held at the premises of the Polish Steel Association. At the meeting, the Supervisory Board members were updated on the current steel, coke and refractory market performances as well as topics related to trade defense instruments (TDI), ongoing safeguard proceedings and applicable AD/AS duties.

The Council also became acquainted with the plan of activities undertaken by the Polish Steel Association within the framework of the formed coalitions: Working Group for Energy-Intensive Industries, issues covered by the cooperation with EY, and with FOEEiG and CO2 Forum.

### HIPH conference

On March 21-22, 2019 a conference of HIPH Member Companies took place in Ustroń. At the beginning of the meeting, the representative of the Ministry of Enterprise and Technology presented the current status of safeguarding proceedings and trade defence measures in international trade in steel products and discussed the reasons for implementation and monitoring methods within EU steel market defence measures. Subsequently, the following issues were discussed: situation on the steel, coke and refractory markets, trade in EU steel products with third countries. The current state of trade defence proceedings and measures in place in the international trade in steel products and raw materials for steel making was presented. Current topics were also discussed of importance to steel producers in Poland and in the EU.

### Our Voice in Media:

- New Records of Steel Demand, Puls Biznesu (1-3.03.2019)
- Poland Leading Steel Imports, Puls Biznesu (04.03.2019)

### Attended Events:

- meeting with the Marshall of the Silesian Voivodeship, organized by BCC Katowice Chapter, BCC Katowice premises (12.02.2019);

- meeting at the Ministry of Finance, Department of Customs, dedicated to the steel market in the time of customs wars, in these special circumstances, i.e. the introduction in February this year of EU definitive tariff rate quotas for steel products, Warsaw (15.02.2019);

- meeting at the Ministry of Labour and Social Policy, about the implementation of activities related to the "Package for Small Industrial Centres". During the meeting the following were discussed: results of the meeting with representatives of the European Commission regarding the notification of the cogeneration and capacity fee relief system, issues related to the modernization fund and the state of play of the Compensation System for Energy-Intensive Sectors and Sub-Sectors Law, Warsaw (20.02.2019);

- meeting of the Tripartite Team for Social Conditions of Steel Restructuring, MEaT Warsaw (25.02.2019);

- meeting of representatives of the steel industry at the Ministry of Entrepreneurship and Technology MEaT (20.03.2019);

- Consultative Committee at the Ministry of Energy (HIPH representative) - as part of public consultations for the draft act amending the renewable energy sources bill and some other acts, ME Warsaw (26.03.2019);

- meeting of the Joint Senate Environmental Committee and National Economy and Innovation Committee (representatives of HIPH), dealing with the "Impact of the Waste Act on the Operating Conditions of Industrial Plants in Poland" - Sejm, Warsaw (11.04.2019);

- meeting of the Delegates of the Inter-Enterprise Trade Union of MOZ NSZZ "Solidarność" AMP S.A. (participation and presentation of the paper) – 12.04.2019;

- meeting of the Committee on the History and Protection of Metallurgy Monuments of SITPH, Gliwickie Zakłady Urządzeń Technicznych, Gliwice (16.04.2019);

- meeting of representatives of the steel industry at the Ministry of Entrepreneurship and Technology about the capacity market relief system, Warsaw (26.04.2019)

- teleconferences and numerous meetings with EY as part of the Steel Steering Committee

- teleconferences of the Steering Committee, Working Committee and Advisors in the framework of cooperation with the Forum of Electricity and Gas Buyers - on indirect cost compensation scheme of the Package for the Energy-Intensive Industries.