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

- Polish National Grid operator of Polskie Sieci Elektroenergetyczne S.A. with postulates drawn on the basis of the experiences of DSR service providing HIPH Members as guaranteed in the scheme – 28.11.2017.
- Minister of Infrastructure and Construction about difficulties in rail freight transport of steel products – 7.12.2017.
- Ministry of Economic Development about the Action Plan to address the problem of counterfeited receipt certificates issued for steel products through a decentralized database for the steel industry to be set up – 18.12.2017.
- Minister of Energy about detailed principles of tariff building and calculation of tariffs and electricity trades settlements (in support of comments submitted by the Ministry of Economic Development) – 18.12.2017.
- Minister of Energy about the key importance of the energy costs on securing and improving the competitiveness of the steel industry. HIPH announced its readiness to support the notification process for the capacity fee reliefs under the Capacity Market Act – 20.12.2017.

- Industrial Electricity and Gas Users Forum of FOEEiG and Forum CO₂ about our resignation as from January 1, 2018 from our membership in FORUMCO₂ and FOEEiG – 22.12.2017.

- the Internal Security Agency of ABW regarding provision of copies of documents that were sent to the Ministry of Finance and its subordinate state bodies in 2012-2013 regarding VAT fraud. – 29.12.2017.

- Ministry of Energy's Electricity Department about notification proceedings for capacity fee reliefs – 23.01.2018.

- Minister of Entrepreneurship and Technology about providing support to include in the FP9 (Framework Program 9, EU program for research and innovation) a joint initiative for a low-carbon, competitive EU value chain in the steel industry - 23.01.2018.

- Ministry of Energy about a request for a meeting to discuss the impact of the capacity market on metallurgy and other energy-intensive industries following the separate notification proceedings for the capacity market scheme and capacity market fee reliefs - 1.02.2018.

- Polish MEPs about the position of Eurofer regarding proposals for Direct Foreign Investments (FDI) screening currently being discussed at the EU level with a request to support the proposals contained therein – 8.02.2018.

- Polish National Grid operator of Polskie Sieci Elektroenergetyczne S.A. with comments to the draft capacity market regulations via the application form - 9/02/2018.

- Ministry of Energy about an important issue related to the potential participation of energy users in the capacity market scheme – 15.02.2018.

- Ministry of Environment with a copy to the Ministry of Enterprise and Technology, Ministry of Finance and the Prime Minister about the introduction of CO₂ emissions indirect cost compensation for industrial users– 20.02.2018.

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HIPH Council Session

11.12.2017 saw a session of the HIPH Council held at the Chamber's premises. The Council Members were updated on steel, coke and refractory market performances after 11 months of 2017 and topics related to modification of Trade Defense Instruments (TDIm), ongoing trade defence measures and applicable AD/AS duties. The Council also took note of the plan of activities undertaken by the HIPH Board as part of established coalitions: Energy-Intensive Industries WG and issues covered by the cooperation with EY.

December HIPH Conference

December 14-15, 2017 saw a conference of HIPH Member Companies at Ustroń. The meeting discussed the following issues: steel, coke and refractory market developments, EU steel trade with third countries, EU Trade Defence Instruments modernisation and current anti-dumping and anti-subsidy proceedings in international trade in steel and steel making raw materials. The update was delivered on the current status of the EU ETS, the Energy-Intensive Industries WG and the 2nd call under the sectoral INNOSTAL scheme.

Webcast on DSR

1.03.2018 saw HIPH along with EY and the Polish Association of Independent Electricity Distributors (OSDnEE) webcasting a workshop on "Closed distribution systems as a remedy for threatened penalties at 15% of the annual income". Topics were discussed including: - Social Dialogue Council outcomes - postulates and implementation, onerous obligations, excessive legal risk for DSOs and possible mitigation techniques, introduction to the subject of closed distribution systems (CDS) - EU regulations and summary of studies of CDS cases from other EU countries, assumptions of the proposed solution, discussion of the wording of legal provisions and ways forward and presenting the final concept to the legislator.

March HIPH Conference

1-2 March 2018 saw a conference of HIPH Member Companies at Ustroń. The meeting discussed the following issues: steel, coke and refractory market developments in 2017, EU steel trade with third countries in 2017, on-going anti-dumping and anti-subsidy proceedings in international trade in steel and steel making raw materials, changed EU trade defence instruments methodology. The update was delivered on the increased activities of state VAT fraud

services (frauds of 2008-2013). Current issues of key importance to steel makers in Poland and the EU were addressed.

Our Voice in Media:

- Polish Sheet Metal Conquers Europe, *Puls Biznesu* (January 8, 2018)
- I Am Optimistic about the Future of Metallurgy, *Magazyn Hutniczy* (January 9, 2018)
- We Expect a Three-Percent Increase in the Steel Market in Poland, *WNP* (January 17, 2018)
- The Capacity Market to Punch a Death Blow to Energy-Intensive Industry. A Frightening Perspective, *WNP* (22/02/2018)
- Without Capacity Market Fee Reliefs, the Energy-Intensive Industry Will Be Doomed, *PAP* (22.02.2018)
- Is It Worth Being a Recycler in Poland, *Energia & Recykling* (March 2018).

Attended Events:

- meeting at the Electricity Department of the Ministry of Energy about the capacity market (30.11.2017)
- session of the National Council of the Metallurgy Section and the National Metal Makers Secretariat of NSZZ Solidarność, during which a presentation on the steel industry globally, in the EU and in Poland was delivered, Ostrowiec Świętokrzyski (6.12.2017)
- Program for Silesia as a Response to the Developmental Challenges of the Region Conference, Silesian Voivodeship Office, Katowice (21.12.2017)
- seminar organised for the metallurgical and foundry industry by the Ministry of National Education in the context of advanced skills for the Polish economy, Katowice (16.01.2018)
- meeting with MEP Gierek on the EC Energy Efficiency Directive -in the Process of Change, Katowice (9.02.2018)
- teleconferences and numerous meetings with EY as part of the Steel Steering Committee and coalitions with the Industrial Electricity and Gas Users Forum FOEEiG and the CO₂ Forum