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### Letter to Minister A.Piotrowski

On 4 February 2016 a letter to A. Piotrowski, Undersecretary of State at the Ministry of Energy, on preserving the international competitiveness of the steel sector through instruments of national energy policy. The letter drew the attention to the fact that industrial customers are one of the groups most strongly affected by existing unfavorable energy policies. We argued for urgent action to be taken to address and make good years of neglect which resulted in the Polish steel sector to have lost its international competitiveness.

### Letter to Commissioner E.Bieńkowska

On February 5, 2016, the Management Board of the Chamber sent a letter to Commissioner E.Bieńkowska, Internal Market, Industry, Entrepreneurship and SMEs, about ways to support the competitiveness of the EU steel industry from the perspective of the Polish steel sector. Areas were cited such as appropriate regulatory framework, demand stimulation, level playing field for trading in international market, energy and climate policy, innovations and investment support, and the social dimension, which we believe call for a prompt implementation.

### Letter to Minister of Development and Minister of Energy

On 22 February 2016, a letter was sent to Mateusz Morawiecki, Minister of Development, and Krzysztof Tchórzewski, Minister of Energy, about a new energy efficiency law with a request to include our amendments demanded for the final shape of the Act.

### Position letters by the European steel industry

On 03.14.2016 a position letter by the European Steel Association EUROFER requesting the governments of EU Member States to take concrete actions at the European Council held on 17-18 March 2016 in Brussels to Deputy was sent to DPM M.Morawiecki, Minister J.Szyszko, P.Naimski, Secretary of State, to the Permanent Representation in Brussels, and to Commissioner E.Bieńkowska. The issues raised in this address concerned the introduction of practical improvements in the area: EU trade policy and granting China the market economy status (MES); ETS GHG trading scheme; better regulation and transparency - both pertinent to the Council and the Commission ("Better Regulation"); innovations and investments, and the circular economy.

The emphasis was that EU would, through the implementation of the above solutions, secure the competitiveness of the European steel industry, allow steel mills to keep jobs for highly skilled employees and, last but not least, maintain the industry's key role as a provider of high-quality base materials for the European manufacturing sector.

### HIPH Council Session

On 14 March 2016, at the headquarters of HIPH in Katowice, a session was held of the HIPH Council. Before the meeting, MARAT and Partner delivered their presentations.

At the session the Council Members were updated about the steel, coke and refractory markets in 2015 and at the beginning of 2016. A summary was made of the work status of the coalition formed with the participation of HIPH and law firms in matters: initiating the AD investigation on steel rebars imports from Belarus, improving the competitiveness of the Polish steel industry and the INNOSTAL scheme. Also, issues were discussed of modernising the EU trade defence instruments, granting China the status of a market economy (MES China).

## Meeting with Deputy Minister of Maritime Economy and Inland Navigation

March 15, 2016 saw HIPH holding a meeting with Minister Pawel Brzezicki, Undersecretary of State in the Ministry of Maritime Economy and Inland Navigation, about the activation of the shipbuilding industry and complementary supplies. During the meeting, the presentations were made by Minister P Brzezicki, President S.Dzienniak, representatives of ISD Huta Częstochowa, ArcelorMittal and Huta Zabrze.

## Letter to the Parliamentary Energy and State Treasury Committees

17.03.2016 saw a letter sent to Marek Suski, the Chairman of the Parliamentary Energy and State Treasury Committee, about a new draft energy efficiency law. The letter discussed the most important issues related to the operation of the Energy Efficiency Law along with proposed solutions for the steel industry.

## Letter to Ministry of Development

17.03.2016 a letter was sent to J.Staniłko, Department of Innovations at the Ministry of Development, about the update requirement of quality standards for reinforcing steel in building structures with a view to the ever deteriorating competitiveness of the Polish steel industry.

## Trade Directors Forum

On 17-18 March 2016 at Ustroń the Trade Directors Forum was held. The meeting discussed issues concerning: steel, coke and refractory market developments, EU steel trade with third countries, TTIP, TDI modernization and the current anti-dumping investigation and anti-subsidy proceedings in the international steel and raw materials trade.

An update was presented about the consequences of granting the Republic of China the market economy status (MES), difficulties in applying the EC trade defence instruments and legal possibilities of limiting the increasing imports of dumped steel products from third countries.

## Letter to Ministry of Energy

On 31 March a letter was forwarded to the Ministry of Energy in replying to the comments by the Ministry of Energy to the demands of the metallurgical sector raised in the course of work on the draft energy efficiency law.

## Letter to Ministry of Development and Ministry of Foreign Affairs

7 April saw a letter sent to the Ministry of Development and Ministry of Foreign Affairs on the anti-dumping investigation proceedings for hot rolled coils (HRC) products originating in China and Russia.

## Our voice in the media

- Polish steel output and consumption slowly increase - SBB (8.2.2016)
- Record Breaking Is Not Good For Steel - Puls Biznesu

(5-7.02.2016)

- Climate Policy Will Affect The Labour Market - Stalowe Forum (10.2.2016)
- Steel Industry For Anti-Dumping Measures At The EU Level - wnp (02.11.2016)
- Steelworks And Budget Gained On Reverse VAT - Puls Biznesu (18.02.2016)
- Steel Industry Submitted Energy Price Demands To MPs - wnp (25.2.2016)
- The Government Promises To Support The Steel Makers - Puls Biznesu (26-28.2.2016)
- Let Us Stop The Price War! Let Us Defend The Market More Effectively And Avoid Disaster - Magazyn Hutniczy (8.3.2016)
- European Commission Opened An Anti-Dumping Investigation Into Imports Of Reinforcing Steel From Belarus - PAP (4.4.2016), Magazyn Hutniczy (12.4.2016)
- Unfair Import, Energy Prices Energy And Generation Gap Amongst Threats To Steel Makers - wnp (7.4.2016)

## Events attended:

- Tripartite Committee for Social Conditions of Steel Restructuring, Warsaw (9.2.2016),
- Provincial Social Dialogue Council, Silesian Provincial Office (11.2.2016)
- meeting of the steel representatives with PSE Power Grid about the relations of Polish steel industry with PSE as an opportunity to increase the security of the power system and the competitiveness of the Polish economy, Warsaw (18.2.2016)
- Meeting with the Governor of Silesia about topics related to the Regional Social Dialogue Council, Katowice (23.2.2016)
- Energy and Climate Policy Committee, KIG National Chamber of Commerce, Warsaw (25.2.2016)
- Parliamentary Economy and Development Committee, Polish Parliament, Warsaw (25.2.2016)
- Task Force for the Contract for Silesia and the Presidium of the Regional Social Dialogue Council, Silesian Provincial Office Katowice (9.3.2016)
- Meeting on the steel sectoral scheme INNOSTAL, NCBiR Warsaw (9.3.2016)
- BCC Katowice Chapter - Model Economy for Silesia, Katowice (16.3.2016)
- Task Force of the Regional Social Dialogue Council about the Contract for Silesia, Silesian Marshal Office (17.3.2016)
- Task Force for Steel, Kielce Regional Social Dialogue Council (22.3.2016)
- Task Force for Economy and Market Policy of the National Social Dialogue Council, Warsaw (30.3.2016)
- Steel vs the VAT and Customs Duties Regulatory Environment in 2016 Conference organized by HIPH and PUDS with the cooperation of EY, Warsaw (31.03.2016)
- Threats to the Steel Industry in Poland and the European Union Conference at Celsa Huta Ostrowiec, Ostrowiec Œwiêtokrzyski (5.4.2016)
- Steering Committee of the Steel Sectoral Scheme INNOSTAL, NCBiR Warsaw (13.4.2016)
- Economic Committee of EUROFER, Madrid (13.4.2016)
- Statistical Committee of EUROFER, Brussels (14.4.2016)
- Opole (18.4.2016) and Krakow Provincial Social Dialogue Council (26.4.2016)
- Meeting with A Orzechowski, Director of the Department of International Cooperation in the Ministry of Development, Warsaw (22.4.2016)
- The Advanced Power Sector and Ecology vs the Teaching of Pope Francis' Laudato Si' Encyclical Conference of the Polish Episcopate, Warsaw (26.4.2016)
- Telephone conferences and numerous meetings with EY in the framework of the Steering Committee and established coalitions for the competitiveness of the Polish steel industry, and teleconferences organised by the Forum of Industrial Electricity and Gas Consumers FOEEiG.