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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, with the conclusions of the future climate policy and the gradual transition to a low-carbon economy, including our active participation in the decarbonisation process, 5.07.2019.
- the Ministry of Entrepreneurship and Technology on export restrictions on scrap metal from Russia, review of trade defence measures for steel products (caseSafeo09R1 - non-alloy and alloy steel wire rod) and a review of seamless tubes & pipes from Ukraine - 12, 15, 16.07.2019
- the Ministry of Entrepreneurship and Technology on the draft ordinance by the Ministry of Interior and Administration on fire protection requirements to be met by construction facilities or parts thereof and other places intended for waste collection, storage and processing - 23.07.2019.
- the Ministry of Energy with a copy to MPiT/MoET on issues related to: changes to parameters entitling to apply a reduced quality fee, notification to the European Commission of the public aid scheme regarding the reduction in the capacity fee for industrial customers and changes to the Capacity Market Regulations to enable full use of the demand side response potential (DSR) - 26.07.2019
- the Director of the Building Research Institute of Instytut Techniki Budowlanej on the necessary discussion of matters related to issuing National Technical Assessments in the context

of existing standards for reinforcing steel - 26.07.2019 and 19.08.2019.

- the Minister of Maritime Economy and Inland Navigation with the joint position of HIPH and the Electricity and Gas Consumers Forum FOEEiG regarding salinity indicators for great lowland rivers for good ecological potential as a response to the publication of a draft regulation on the classification of environmental condition, environmental potential and chemical state and classification method of the status of surface water bodies, as well as environmental quality standards for priority substances – 31.07.2019

- the Ministry of Entrepreneurship and Technology with the letter from the Director General of Eurofer to Commissioner Cecilia Malmström regarding further measures to reduce the relaxation of steel import quotas in the current safeguard measures review in the context of protecting national and European steel industry against excessive imports from third countries - 27.08.2019

- the Ministry of Energy with the letter including the report prepared by EY regarding the German individual fee system for large energy buyers - 12.09.2019

- Voivodship Council for Social Dialogue WRDS in Katowice, with comments to the draft position of WRDS on the circular economy - 9 and 16.09.19

- Members of the European Parliament with question suggestions that could be put to the candidates for the position of Commissioners at the European Parliament plenary. The purpose of these questions is to draw attention to important topics from the point of view of the steel sector, which is particularly vulnerable to loss of competitiveness against sector players operating outside the European Union – 17.09.2019

- the Ministry of Entrepreneurship and Technology with a copy to the Ministry of the Environment, a letter regarding the state aid guidelines for the greenhouse gas emission allowance trading scheme post 2021 – 19.09.2019

- the Ministry of Entrepreneurship and Technology on urgent intervention by the European Commission in the area of trade defence measures due to the unprecedented threat to the EU including the Polish steel sector in connection with the very difficult market situation and adverse regulatory environment - 20.09.2019

- the Minister of Science and Higher Education with a copy to MPiT/MoET with the position and postulates of the national steel industry in the context of the EU Council Competitiveness Council meeting on September 26-27 - 25.09.2019

Meeting with Gaz –System S.A.

At the request of the producers associated at HIPH, the Chamber's headquarters saw on July 30, 2019 a meeting

held between Gaz-System S.A. and tube & pipe manufacturers. The reason for the meeting was information about acceptance by Gaz-System S.A. of new Technical Conditions agreed with the Technical Surveillance Authority UDT on July 11, 2019, specifying the requirements to be applied at Gaz System S.A. in terms of design, construction (including in the scope of materials and elements used for construction), repair and improvements and other issues at the operational stage for technical devices subject to technical surveillance.

Indirect Compensation

As a result of long-standing intensified efforts, teleconferences and meetings as part of the Coalition formed of representatives of HIPH Member Companies, the Forum for Electricity and Gas Consumers FOEEiG and consultancy companies, 09.08.2019 saw the Indirect Cost Compensation System Act signed by the President of the Republic of Poland. On August 14, 2019 the Act was published in the Journal of Laws and will enter into force on 29.08.2019. As a result of this Act, many companies from energy-intensive industries will be entitled to compensation for the costs of CO2 emission allowances passed on in the electricity prices.

Compensation will help the steel industry stay competitive abroad, improve profitability and increase investment. This will allow many jobs to be maintained in energy-intensive enterprises themselves and their value-chain partners. The first payments, for 2019, will be made as early as 2020.

HIPH Council Session

30 September, 2019 saw the HIPH Council session held at the Chamber's premises. At the meeting, Council Members got updated on the current steel, coke and refractory market performance as well as topics related to trade defence instruments modernisation (mTDI), pending safeguard proceedings and applicable AD/AS duties. The Council also got acquainted with the action plan taken by the Chamber Board as part of the formed coalitions: Energy-Intensive Industries WG and issues covered by cooperation with EY.

HIPH conference

26-27 September, 2019 saw another conference of HIPH Member Companies held at Ustroń. At the beginning of the meeting, the current state of trade defence measures and applicable trade safeguarding in international steel trade was discussed. The EU steel safeguard review and the level of utilization has been summarised. Then the topics discussed were: the steel, coke and refractory market performance, EU steel trade with third countries. Current topics of importance for steel producers in Poland and the EU were also discussed.

Our Voice in Media

- What Next about Steel? – *Magazyn Hutniczy* (10-17.09.19)

Attended Events:

- meeting of the Economic Policy and Market Committee of the Social Dialogue Council, Social Partnership Centre, Warsaw (22.07.2019)

- meeting at the Ministry of Energy with the Department of Electrical Power and Heating to discuss the postulates contained in HIPH Letter /0470/2019 ahead of the Tripartite Team for Social Conditions of Steel Restructuring, Warsaw (19.08.2019)

- meeting of the Tripartite Team for Social Conditions of Metallurgy Restructuring, Warsaw (20.08.2019)

- meeting with trade unions representatives about the submission to the Chairman of the Social Dialogue Council on matters vital to steel industry, AMP Dąbrowa Górnicza (27.08.2019)

- 'Industrial Dedusting and Filtration' technical seminar Katowice (29.08.2019)

- meeting with the Chairwoman of the Social Dialogue Council on the problems faced by the steel industry ahead of the next RDS meeting, Warsaw (3.09.2019)

- meeting of the WRDS Working Team for Circular Economy, Katowice (4.09.2019)

- steel products workshop for KAS, the Fiscal Administration Authority, Świętochłowice (11.09.2019)

Polish Steel Association together with EY undertook to organise a series of trainings for tax and customs administration representatives. In total, 15 meetings will be held to educate customs officials in the area of recognition of steel products as well as their properties (flat products, reinforcing bars and wire rod, sections, sheet piles and pipes) in the light of EU trade defence measures.

- the celebrations of the 39th anniversary of the signing of the Katowice Agreements, Dąbrowa Górnicza (11.09.2019)

- meeting of the Social Dialogue Council, Warsaw (18.09.2019)

- meeting with ITB, the Building Research Institute to discuss issues related to issuing National Technical Assessments in the context of existing standards for reinforcing steel, Warsaw (27.09.2019)

- teleconferences and numerous meetings with EY in the ambit of the Steel Steering Committee

- teleconferences of the Steering Committee, Working Committee and Advisors as part of cooperation with FOEEiG, the Electricity and Gas Consumers Forum, about the compensation system, cogeneration and the capacity market issues.- 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.