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The Board of Polish Steel Association sent a number of letters in regard of many priority and vital issues for the member companies of the Association including, but not limited to:

- Minister of Environment - steel sector arguments about proposed environmental charges for water intake and effluent discharge (draft Water Code law of June 23, 2016) - 1.07.2016;
- Polish Member of Parliament (Mr Maciej Małecki) with a copy to the Minister of Energy on the legislative work on the bill amending the Energy Code Law and certain other acts (Print No. 653) - 7.07.2016;
- Deputy Prime Minister of Poland, Minister of Development (Mr M Morawiecki) on issues related to MES China - 12.07.2016;
- Deputy Prime Minister of Poland, Minister of Development (Mr M Morawiecki) about the Research Fund for Coal and Steel RFCS - 13.07.2016;
- PSE (Polish Grid Operator) about the demand side response tender by the instructions of the Transmission System Operator - 15.07.2016;
- Minister of Energy the steel industry's arguments and comments regarding the Draft Capacity Market Functional Solutions paper - 18.07.2016;
- Department of Energy of ME memorandum on the exemption from the obligation to carry out an energy audit of an enterprise referred to in Article 36 Para. 1 of the Energy Efficiency Act of 20 May, 2016 - 07/29/2016;
- Department of the International Cooperation at the MinDev about customs

duties for raw materials for the production of refractory materials - 1.08.2016;

- Deputy Prime Minister of Poland (Mr M Morawiecki), the Minister of Development, about the draft Ministry of Development Decree on the establishment of the Energy-Intensive Industries Committee - 1.08.2016;

- Ministry of Development, the Department of Innovation, Low-Carbon Policy Unit, with comments on the draft Water Code (in the version tabled to the Standing Committee of the Council of the Ministers) - 25.08.2016;

- Minister of Energy (Mr Krzysztof Tchórzewski) on the situation of the steel industry in the context of the risk associated with applicable restrictions on energy supplies. We expressed our readiness to cooperate in any activities towards solutions ensuring the security of the Polish power system while guaranteeing safe operations on the Polish market of high energy-intensive enterprises, whose operation also requires maintained continuity of the production process - 31.08.2016;

- Chairman of the Forum of Electricity and Gas Consumers FOEEiG about the position of aggregators in proposed functional solutions for the capacity market. We expressed our concerns and opposition associated with the demand submitted by FOEEiG for the abolition of restrictions in the power volume that can be aggregated for the purposes of providing the DSR service. Polish Steel Association believes that the removal of any restrictions on aggregations for DSR purposes within the about-to-be-designed capacity market is a counterproductive effect and will not contribute to the security of electricity supply to the National Power System and to building the international competitiveness of the Polish steel industry - 1 and 14.09.2016;

- Director of the Energy Department in the Ministry of Energy (Mr T Dąbrowski) about the interpretation of regulations providing for exemption from the obligation to carry out an energy audit of an enterprise for holders of an energy management system - 9.09.2016;

- Undersecretary of State in the Ministry of Infrastructure and Construction (Mr Tomasz Żuchowski) about upgrading the quality standards for reinforcing

steel in building structures in the context of the technological progress made, technological advantage of Polish mills with simultaneous threats to the competitiveness of the Polish steel industry - 13.09.2016;

- Undersecretary of State in the Ministry of Development (Mr R Domagalski-Łabędzki) the declaration of the full readiness of the entire Polish Steel Association for further continuous and ongoing support of the Polish government aimed at securing the competitiveness of the Polish steel sector - 14.09.2016;

- Minister of Finance (Mr M Morawiecki) about the published draft law amending the Law on VAT tax and other acts of 22 September, 2016. We expressed therein our support for all activities of the Polish government aimed at reducing the gray economy in Poland including full support for the fight against VAT fraud schemes - 3.10.2016;

- Chairman of the Forum of Electricity and Gas Consumers (Mr H Kaliś) on cooperation in the context of the expected work of the Energy-Intensive Industries Committee - 14.10.2016;

- Prime Minister of Poland (Mrs B Szydło), Deputy Prime Minister of Poland (Mr M Morawiecki), the Minister of Energy (K Tchórzewski) and Minister of the Environment (J Szyszko), a letter signed by the CEOs of European steel makers on the eve of the European Council (20 to 21 October 2016) where decisions are expected to be taken which may help the European steel industry to maintain its innovation, sustainable production and competitiveness on the global market - 18.10.2016;

- Undersecretary of State in the Ministry of Development (Mrs J Emilewicz) about the proposed issues which should be the first to be taken up by the Energy-Intensive Industries Committee - 18.10.2016.

HIPH Council Session

On this 27 September the headquarters of HIPH in Katowice held a meeting of the HIPH Council. Before the actual Council session a new member of the Chamber Air Liquide Sp. o.o. delivered its presentation.

At the meeting, the Council Members were updated about the coke, refractory and steel market performances after 6 months of 2016. Status report was discussed of the Coalition formed with the participation of HIPH and law firms in matters: AD investigation initiation re steel imports from Belarus, Plan for Metallurgy and market defense instruments, MES China, TTIP, Energy Efficiency Law, talks with PSE on DSR and transitional fee. Since this was the first meeting of the new Chamber's Council its members elected the President of the Council, who re-elected Mr Mirosław Motyka.

Meeting with the Ministry of Development

On 10 October, 2016 the Ministry of Development held a meeting between representatives of the steel industry and Minister Jadwiga Emilewicz from MinDev and Minister Wojciech Kowalczyk from MinEnergy on the topics contained in Resolution

No. 8 by employees and employers of the Social Dialogue Council of 7 April, 2016 in relation to the cost structure of electric energy in the iron and steel industry.

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- Effective AD Initiatives - WNP (2.7.2016);
- Granting Market Economy Status to China Would Hit Polish Steel Industry - PAP (25.07.2016);
- EU. Anti-Dumping Duties on Certain Steel Products from China and Russia - PAP (4.08.2016);
- The Steel Market and the Barriers to the Competitiveness of the Steel Industry in Poland - Stal, Metale i Nowe Technologie (No. 7/8 2016);
- Steelworkers Fighting for Steel Quality - Puls Biznesu (24.08.2016);
- How to Defend European Steel against Chinese Competition - Magazyn Hutniczy (30.08.2016);
- Global Steel Forum on Excess Capacities - Magazyn Hutniczy (27.09.2016).

Events attended:

- meeting with EU Commissioner E Bieńkowską on MES China, Brussels (6.07.2016);
- session of the Task Force for the Provincial Social Dialogue Council for the Contract for Silesia, Marshal Office of Silesia, Katowice (7.07.2016, 4.08.2016 and 2.09.2016);
- Commercial Directors Forum, Ustroń (22-23.09.2016);
- festive Session of the City Council on the occasion of the 100th anniversary of obtaining city rights by Dąbrowa Górnicza (28.09.2016);
- meeting with the Deputy Director of the Department of Innovation of the Ministry of Development about quality standards, Ministry of Development, Warsaw (29.09.2016);
- meeting of the Tripartite Team for Iron and Steel and Coke about the assessment of the implementation of Resolution No. 8 of SDC (RDS) of 7.04.2016, Warsaw (05.10.2016);
- meeting with representatives of MinDev and MinEn about the topics contained in the SDC (RDS) Resolution No. 8, Ministry of Development, Warsaw (10.10.2016);
- Economic Committee meeting, Eurofer, Brussels (13.10.2016);
- meeting of the European Parliament of Enterprises, European Parliament, Brussels (13/10/2016);
- meeting of the Academic and Business Association of Metallurgy, Zakopane (14.10.2016);
- meeting of the Forum of Electricity and Gas Consumers about the inter-ministerial Energy-Intensive Industries, Warsaw (17.10.2016);
- CDD ESTA Meeting, Madrid (20-21.10.2016);
- telephone conferences and numerous meetings with EY in the framework of the Steering Committees and Coalitions formed about the competitiveness of the Polish steel industry and teleconferences organized by the Forum of Electricity and Gas Consumers