

JÄKLNEWS

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Dear colleagues, readers,

Allow me to briefly introduce the first issue of our new newsletter, JÄKLNEWS 01/2022, in which we will reveal some news from our production unit in Karviná.

ArcelorMittal Tubular Products Karviná is a company with tradition, and long and rich history, a solid part of Northern Moravia, employing many experienced and capable people who produce quality and interesting products.

Every year the Karviná plant invests in new technologies, equipment, and the work environment, and supports cultural and sporting activities in the region.

In the last two years we have invested over CZK 200 million in the development of ArcelorMittal Tubular Products Karviná. This year we will continue make further investments in modernisation and expansion of production. We view the development in the entire European steel industry sector favourably. With our steel sections we are able to enter markets where we have not commonly been.

ArcelorMittal Tubular Products Karviná is a company that has always looked forward. Even though the coronavirus crisis has hit us all more or less hard, we are optimistic. We have the desire and determination, and look to the future with our heads held high.

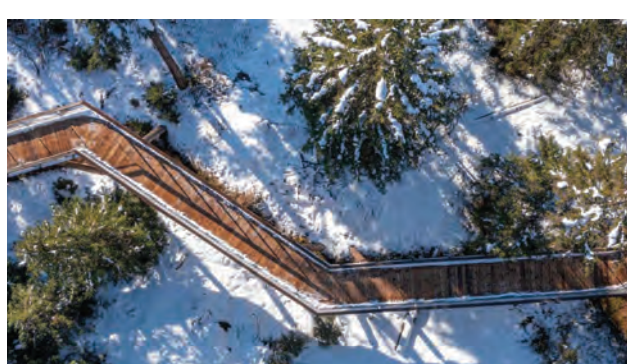
Wishing you pleasant winter days

René Fabik
Managing Director
ArcelorMittal Tubular Products Karviná

The longest treetop walk in the world with a “Karviná imprint”

With a height of up to 28 metres and a length of over 1,500 metres, the “Senda dil Dragun” (Laax, Switzerland) is the longest treetop walk in the world. A 73-metre-long slide starts from the top of a lookout tower. Tubing manufactured at the ArcelorMittal Tubular Products Karviná plant was also used to build this wheelchair accessible trail.

Photo: Film Laax Falera



The Karviná unit has started a close cooperation with AMTP Spain

ArcelorMittal completed the acquisition of the remaining Condesa production plants in Spain and Germany in Q4 of 2021, which are mainly focused on the production of sections and tubes for structural and automotive purposes. This acquisition has created new opportunities for the export of ArcelorMittal Tubular Products Karviná products to other European markets. Following the first successful contract (supply of sec-

tions) and after quality control, ArcelorMittal Tubular Products Karviná extended its cooperation to the supply of hot-stretched reduced tubes. These were test deliveries for the Spanish market. The first deliveries started in January 2022. The Karviná unit also started working on projects for the automotive industry and for the application of open sections on the market. It is also preparing to cooperate on the supply of rolls and tools from the Karviná machine shop, which is expected to change its focus in the upcoming months thanks to investments in machinery and human resources.

New Cutting Centre will increase performance and quality

A new Rattunde Cutting Centre costing CZK 18.5 million is in operation at ArcelorMittal Tubular Products Karviná since December 2021. The facility replaced the old production line from 2005, which had manufactured and milled more than 50 million pieces during its operation. The investment aims to reduce maintenance costs and increase and sustain product quality and facility performance.



René Fabik becomes a head of the production unit in Krakow

The current CEO of ArcelorMittal Tubular Products Karviná, René Fabik, has also been appointed CEO for ArcelorMittal Tubular Products Krakow, in Poland. He is expected to develop a new production strategy for this plant as well. The Polish plant produces longitudinal welded tubular products for mechanical purposes. These are used as materials for building construction and water supply and distribution.

Well-deserved awards for the best employees

The ArcelorMittal Tubular Products Karviná unit awarded the best employees of 2021 for their outstanding performance and contribution to the company. They were selected by the company’s management based on nominations from their superiors. A total of 12 employees received a financial award, a gift basket, and personal thanks from the company’s management. All employees of the Karviná unit received an exceptional award for their excellent results last year.



A major logistics boom? It won’t happen without schools and practical training

The logistics sector is currently experiencing a major boom. At the same time, it is also a big challenge not only for the companies themselves, but also for the secondary vocational schools that educate future logistics experts. To do this, their students obviously need sufficient knowledge and practical experience directly from companies. That is why the partnership between ArcelorMittal Tubular Products Karviná and the Secondary School of Technology and Services, Karviná was es-

tablished. The students will get a hands-on experience about how logistics work in practice, including the operation of international transport and the use of smart logistics applications developed by the employees of the IT Shared Services Centre for the whole Europe within ArcelorMittal Tubular Products, through excursions and internships. The Karviná production unit has been cooperating with local technical schools for a long time. Future locksmiths, electricians, plumbers, and metalworkers receive practical training here. Each of them is supervised by a guarantor, who is a selected and experienced employee with at least 5 years of experience.

Historical perspective: How and when did it start with pipes and tubes in Karviná?

The foundations were laid as early as 1905 by František Pospíšil from Těšín, who built rolling mills for the manufacturing of wire and other rolled iron products. Five years later, the manufacturing of combined axles and horseshoes began, which bore the Jäkl brand, after the blacksmith Jäkl from Rýmařov, from whom the patent was purchased. In 1918, factory buildings for the manufacture of train wagons began to be constructed on the land of the company Jäkl Karviná. This year is historically referred to as the year when the independent company Jäkl Karviná was established.

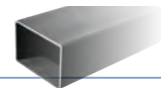


Interesting references — where to find the original JÄKL: AZ Tower, Brno

The original and high quality “Jäkl” from Karviná is used in construction, automotive, energy, and agriculture. You can find JÄKL profiles from Karviná in the AZ Tower in Brno, currently the tallest building in the Czech Republic. The Brno high-rise was built between 2011 and 2013. It is a 30-storey building, with the highest point at 111 metres.



NUMBER OF THE MONTH: 123,260



Karviná has beaten another manufacturing record. Employees of rolling-mill line no. 7 produced record 123,260 kg of sections (50/50×3 in size) during one night shift in January. The latest best performance resulted from the continuous improvement and increase in performance on the rolling-mill line.