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NEW ECOCEM FRANCE PLANT IN DISTRICT OF GRAND PORT MARITIME DE DUNKERQUE

ECOCEM France is to set up a plant for the production of environmentally-friendly cement from blast-furnace slag in Dunkirk, six years after commissioning the same type of installation at Fos-sur-mer.

On Friday 2 September 2016 the representatives of ECOCEM France, ArcelorMittal and Grand Port Maritime de Dunkerque met to sign the lease for a plot of 4 hectares, on which ECOCEM will set up a grinding plant with an ultimate capacity of 1.4 million tonnes.

This new installation is the fruit of a cooperation between ECOCEM and ArcelorMittal. ECOCEM will convert the steel slag (an ingredient used in the production of their cements), using a sophisticated technology which makes the end product more environmentally-friendly, technically more efficient and more competitive, as well as aesthetic. The project represents **a total investment of 47 million Euros** over three years, generating the creation of **37 direct jobs** and 40 during the construction phase, which is expected to last approximately 15 months. This new activity will also have positive impacts in terms of port traffic and orders for subcontracting. **The production capacity will be 750,000 tonnes a year** in Phase 1, with the potential of doubling this figure after extension.

*"The deconstruction of the old DK4 power plant was an opportunity for ECOCEM to take over an industrial brownfield site close to ArcelorMittal and the maritime quays," said **Patrick Grace**, Administrator of ECOCEM France. "The short procurement circuits and the possibility of using blast-furnace gas to supply our process will help us achieve our targets for reducing CO₂ emissions."*

Philippe Valette, Director of ArcelorMittal's Dunkirk facility, commented: *"Our partnership with ECOCEM will help us develop the recycling of our blast-furnace slag through an environmentally-friendly sector and through local jobs and investments. This initiative is in line with our goal of continuous improvement in the recycling of our production residues. In France, ArcelorMittal currently recycles 88% of these residues."*

Stéphane Raison, CEO of Dunkerque-Port, expressed his satisfaction: *"Dunkerque-Port and the local authorities have been fully mobilised in recent months to make ECOCEM's decision a reality. In choosing this location, ECOCEM has proved that "industrial ecology" are not empty words for the Port of Dunkirk. Implementing circular-economy solutions is a priority development guideline for the Grand Port Maritime, and our technical and commercial staff work towards it on a daily basis."*



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Patrice Vergriete, President of Dunkirk Urban Community, welcomed the news of this new installation: "It strengthens the resolve of local operators to make Industrial and Local Ecology a real attraction for investment and the generation of jobs," he said.

About ArcelorMittal:

ArcelorMittal is the world's No. 1 steel and mining company, present in 60 countries and with industrial facilities in 19. Driven by the goal of producing safe and sustainable steel, we are the main supplier of quality steel to the world's major steel users, including the automotive, construction, domestic appliance and packaging industries, supported by a global R&D department and excellent distribution networks.

In 2015 ArcelorMittal made a turnover of 63.6 billion dollars and produced 92.5 million tonnes of crude steel, as well as 62.8 million tonnes of iron ore.

In France, ArcelorMittal has a workforce of 17,200 including 800 researchers, shared between its 40 production facilities, its distribution and service centres and its four R&D sites. ArcelorMittal produced 10 million tonnes of liquid steel in France in 2015.

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About ECOCEM:

*Founded in 2000 by Donal O'Riain, **ECOCEM MATERIALS LTD** is an Irish company with three production plants in Europe: in the Netherlands (www.orcem.nl), in Ireland (www.ecocem.ie) and in France (www.ecocem.fr). Its annual production capacity is 1,400,000 tonnes, half of it in France. This plant in Dunkirk will thus be their fourth production facility. The company ECOCEM FRANCE was formed in 2007 as a joint venture with ArcelorMittal, to use granulated blast-furnace slag, as a product in its own right, from the production of cast iron. This makes ECOCEM the first independent producer of ground slag in Europe.*

About Dunkerque-Port:

The ninth port of the Channel and North Sea Range and France's third-largest port, Dunkirk has built a reputation in many sectors: it is the largest passenger port in Europe (Calais-Dunkirk hub); the largest French port complex, with traffic of more than 90 MT via Calais-Dunkirk; France's largest energy hub; the country's largest LNG terminal; the leading French port for containerised fruit and vegetable imports; the largest French port for ore and coal imports; France's largest rail port; the region's largest waterway port; and the third-ranking French port for grain traffic. Dunkerque-Port is also a sustainable port. It is the trading port of the new Hauts-de-France Region, the largest agricultural region of France, the leading region for the rail industry, and the leading region for the car industry. Traffic in 2015 was 46.6 MT.



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