

ArcelorMittal South Africa Solidarity Holidays 2012

Day 1: Monday, 26 March 2012

ArcelorMittal South Africa Volunteers team up with Habitat for Humanity to build an additional 10 houses in Orange Farm.

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Colleagues, today 26 March saw the beginning of the 2012 ArcelorMittal South Africa Volunteer Week and the Solidarity Holiday. A total of 600 ArcelorMittal South Africa Staff members will be joined by ten international colleagues to build ten houses for needy families in Orange Farm, South of Johannesburg.

This is the fourth consecutive year that we at ArcelorMittal South Africa and global NGO, Habitat for Humanity have joined hands in providing decent homes to 26 families in the area so far.

After this week's effort, a total of 36 houses would have been delivered to this community.

As Acting Manager CSI at ArcelorMittal South Africa, the joy expressed by beneficiaries when they are handed their brand new houses more than makes up for all the hard work from a team of more than 600 volunteers for an entire week of hard work, dedication, camaraderie and most of all taking out time to make a difference in the lives of the less fortunate.

The day started with the team assembling at Ellispark at Vanderbijlpark Works and boarding busses to Orange Farm. We then had breakfast before each team was handed their T-shirts, gloves and safety goggles.

The CSI team has decided to create some excitement in 2012. Each day teams will choose the builder of the day with the winners going into a hat for a builder of the week final prize.

We are also delighted to have our colleagues from all over the world and I would like to welcome them to sunny South Africa and hope that they enjoy their stay with us. We also have a number of activities lined up for them including a game drive in Krugersdorp on Saturday.

We hope that this week will bring unforgettable and fulfilling memories for all the volunteers and decent housing and pride for the beneficiaries.

