



FACING PENALTY. Africa's largest steelmaker ArcelorMittal South Africa headed by Nku Nyembezi-Heita could face a fine of more than R3 billion for price fixing, South Africa's competition regulator said yesterday. The Competition Commission has asked the country's competition court to penalise ArcelorMittal and smaller competitor Evraz Highveld Steel and Vanadium up to 10% of their annual turnover for collusion. ArcelorMittal's turnover for 2011 was R31,5 billion while Highveld reported a turnover of R5,5 billion for the year to end December 2011.

'Evidence before the commission indicates that the steel producers engaged in concerted practices or had understandings that Highveld would follow Mittal's lead on the pricing mechanism and changes in pricing, including discounts and transport tariffs,' the regulator said.

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