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ArcelorMittal South Africa hands over state-of-the-art R45 million school to the community of Mthatha

ArcelorMittal South Africa today officially handed over the R45 million top of the range Mandela Park Primary School built in Slovo Park, Mthatha (Eastern Cape), to the Minister of Basic Education, Honourable Angie Motshekga and the community of Mthatha. The new school has been built using ArcelorMittal's alternative building technology using steel on the same grounds where two old building structures used to house the about 1 000 pupils since 1996. The initial structures comprised of a make-shift classrooms and a huge hall which was sub-divided into eight partitioned classrooms, with each class averaging 60 learners.

The new school will accommodate 1 200 pupils in an environment conducive to both learning and teaching as once championed by our former President and world respected icon, Nelson Mandela after whom the school is named.

"We are pleased to hand this gift to the pupils and community of Mthatha. We are excited to continue the legacy of our former president Nelson Mandela who is firm in his belief that education is a key to future success. Providing quality facilities is a pillar to that success," said Ms Nyembezi-Heita, Chief Executive Officer, ArcelorMittal South Africa

"I cannot compare the gift of education to anything else in the world and as a company we are proud to be the ones giving it to the community of Mthatha today," added Ms Nyembezi-Heita,

The new state-of-the-art educational facility is equipped with amenities such as a laboratory, a media centre with a computer room eight vegetable tunnels a garden, a fully equipped nutrition centre, two sports grounds, an administrative building with meeting rooms, offices for the principal and vice principal, staff room and a reception area.



ArcelorMittal's alternative building technology solution was developed together with Agrément South Africa who has given ArcelorMittal South Africa tremendous support and the long term objective is to extend the alternative building system for use in multi-storey facilities.

The alternative building technology has many environmental advantages as the material can be infinitely recycled and is quicker to construct when compared to masonry construction building methods. Further, the use of innovative Aral steel panels and alternative building technology is in line with the Government's objective to promote energy efficient and alternative cost-saving building methods. The material is also less labour intensive, has low carbon emissions, saves on water, reduces material wastage and is well insulated.

In 2009, ArcelorMittal South Africa entered into a partnership with the Department of Basic Education with the aim of making a significant contribution by providing quality educational facilities in underprivileged areas across South Africa. This is the second school that has been built by ArcelorMittal South Africa and donated to an underprivileged community as part of the company's corporate social responsibility programme. The first school to be built and donated was Meetse-A-Bopelo Primary School in Mamelodi (Pretoria East) which was handed over to the Department of Basic Education in November 2010.

During the construction phase of Mandela Park Primary School, which started in the later part of 2011, about 120 local community members were trained on how to use alternative building methods and gained employment opportunities through the project. These local contractors will potentially be employed for school maintenance or similar construction projects in the area in the future.

"ArcelorMittal South Africa is committed to uplifting, empowering and improving the lives of our disadvantaged communities through its education focused projects, some of which include the provision of science centres at our plants. The science centres are situated in Sebokeng, Newcastle and Saldanha. Our core focus is to improve our country's education as part of our goal to cut down on unemployment in our communities and develop literate and innovative



societies”, concludes Maggie Mopedi, Manager, Corporate Social Responsibility and External Relations at ArcelorMittal South Africa.

NOTES TO EDITORS

About ArcelorMittal South Africa

- **Founded in 1928, ArcelorMittal South Africa is a subsidiary of the world’s leading steel and mining company and Africa’s largest steel manufacturer with a capacity of 6 million tons of liquid steel per annum. ArcelorMittal South Africa employs approximately 15 000 staff members and contractors across the country.**
- **ArcelorMittal South Africa is committed to uplifting, empowering and improving the lives of disadvantaged communities who are situated close to its operations in Vanderbijlpark, Vereeniging, Newcastle, Saldanha and Pretoria.**
- **The ArcelorMittal South Africa Foundation sets up projects in accordance with identified needs of communities in areas such as healthcare, education and social upliftment.**
- **Key educational projects include science centres in Sebokeng, Newcastle and Saldanha which are non-profit centres that strive to improve maths and science skills and performance of learners who wish to pursue a career in scientific and technological fields. ArcelorMittal South Africa’s core business relies heavily on employing skilled people in the scientific, engineering and technological fields. It is therefore in the company’s best interest to improve the maths and science skills for the communities who live around its operation plants.**

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