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Instead of working for the mill employees of Liberty Ostrava gave a hand in non-profit organisations for the twelfth consecutive time

Ostrava, 29 November 2019 – 75 employees of Liberty Ostrava took the opportunity to exchange their regular working day at the mill for helping in non-profit organisations in Ostrava and the neighbouring areas. This year, they worked a total of 562.5 hours in 15 non-profit organisations, which amounts to the value of c. CZK 175,000.

Employees of the mill got engaged in a variety of activities such as cleaning up gardens, spouts, chopping and stacking up the firewood, painting and redecorating, various repairs, keeping company to seniors and people with special needs. They also made Christmas decorations and helped decorate gingerbread sweets with senior citizens for their St. Nicholas party.

"We always appreciate the help very much and this year again we are grateful for helpers from the steel mill. They were great. They helped us dismantle bicycles for spare parts, pull axles out of rear wheel hubs, and repair and wash bicycles for charity sales," said Daniel Ščigel, Project Coordinator for Bicycles for Africa.

The company has been holding Corporate volunteering days since 2008 during which employees exchange their ordinary working duties for help in non-profit organisations. Some participants got used to helping out in organisations with which they have been cooperating for a long time. Some workplaces of the mill take this opportunity as a way of team building.

Liberty Ostrava a.s. is an integrated steel business with a production capacity of 3.6 million tonnes of steel. At present it annually produces c. 2.2 million tonnes of steel, which is mainly used in construction, machinery and oil & gas industries. The company is a domestic leader in the manufacture of road barriers and tubes. In addition to the Czech market, it supplies its products to more than 40 countries around the world. Together with its subsidiaries, the company has 6,300 employees. The 2018 average monthly income was CZK 39,180. As a result of the above-standard greening, the company manufactures its products with a minimum possible environmental footprint. It is part of Liberty Steel, a global steel and mining business. Liberty Steel is part of the GFG Alliance, a global group of energy, mining, metals, engineering, logistics, and financial services businesses, headquartered in London, with a presence in around 30 countries worldwide. The Alliance has a global workforce of around 30,000 people and a turnover exceeding US\$ 20 billion.