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# news release

## **The quality of the tubes in ArcelorMittal tube plant in Ostrava will be newly tested by a fully digitized system worth CZK 35 million**

**Ostrava 27 May 2019 – ArcelorMittal Ostrava invests CZK 35 million in the new test line for non-destructive testing of seamless tubes in the tube plant. The old analogue system will be replaced by a new, fully digital system, which meets the most stringent standards. The investment will enable the extension of the test range of the line and the possibility to supply tubes for more demanding applications. Completion is scheduled for January 2020. The supplier of the new digital system will be Institut Dr. Foerster from Germany, one of the world's leaders in the sector.**

*“This project is another step in the process of digitizing our operations and adapting to new standards and customer requirements. At the same time, the installation of the new test system will allow us to expand the range of tubes, mostly boiler tubes of small diameters that we have not been able to test until now,”* said Michael Hermann, maintenance and Investment director of the tube plant in ArcelorMittal Ostrava.

The tubes from the Small Stiefel tube plant in ArcelorMittal Ostrava, which are used for gas or oil pipelines, for boilers, heat exchangers and steel structures, have so far been checked using an analogue system installed in 1996. The new test line worth CZK 35 million will enable non-destructive testing of the entire Small Stiefel range, i.e. seamless tubes of 21.3 mm - 140 mm diameter.

*ArcelorMittal Ostrava a.s. annually produces over 2 million tonnes of steel, which is mainly used in construction and machinery. It is the biggest manufacturer of road safety barriers and pipes in the Czech Republic. Besides the domestic market, the company delivers its products to more than 40 countries around the world. ArcelorMittal Ostrava and its subsidiaries employ nearly 6 500 people. The 2018 average monthly income was CZK 39 180. As a result of the completion of a range of above-standard emission control technologies, the company produces its products with the minimum possible environmental footprint.*