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LIBERTY Ostrava to provide more than a hundred apprentices with practical training this year

Every year LIBERTY Ostrava gives an opportunity to apprentices from Ostrava's vocational schools to get hands on experience in real work environment. The practical training runs under the supervision of the mill's most experienced experts. This school year 105 apprentices from five schools will do an internship in the seven separate plants at the mill, focusing on mechanics, machine setting, electro mechanics, machining and railway transport.

„This cooperation is an opportunity for both parties. Apprentices will gain important, career-enhancing skills and we can encourage and attract the high-quality workforce we need for the future. The support of technical and apprentice education is important for us because its results are lined to the future of our business,“ said Jakub Juříček, HR director of LIBERTY Ostrava.

The goal of the project is to help enhance the studies at technical schools and make the steel industry and associated trades more attractive to the young generation. The technical apprentice preparation with features of dual education is a connection between education and the labour market needs. The system brings more practical training into vocational schools and enables pupils to learn how to work directly on the shop floor in a close connection with the company where later they may get a job more easily.

“I mentor lots of apprentices so that they can obtain as many work skills as possible and feel good here at the company at the same time. It is beneficial to the mill as well since we can identify the best ones and then offer them high quality jobs,“ explained Luboš Heinc, head of the test rooms service at LIBERTY Ostrava who takes care of the tooler's internship.

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