

## PRESS RELEASE

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### LIBERTY Ostrava offers a year's on-the-job training to 120 local technical apprentices

**LIBERTY Ostrava will yet again be offering a year's worth of on-the-job training to 120 apprentices from local technical colleges as part of its ongoing commitment to building a strong generation of qualified workers and experts in the Ostrava region. The plant has supported technical education in the region for the last 50 years and has run its well respected apprentice scheme in its current form since 2012, giving hundreds of young people an invaluable insight into the high quality technical skills required to work in the steel industry.**

For the upcoming 2021/2022 school year LIBERTY Ostrava and its employees will provide on-the-job training for 120 apprentices from four technical schools in the Ostrava region preparing them to become mechanics, fitters, electricians, electromechanics, toolers and railway workers. The apprentices will combine theoretical education with practical training under the supervision of experienced experts from LIBERTY Ostrava. The goal of the programme is to help improve technical schools' studies, make the steel industry more attractive for the young generation and secure sufficient, technically proficient employees to help the steelworks with its planned transformation into a GREENSTEEL and carbon neutral company.

Jaroslav Vystrk, HR director at LIBERTY Ostrava, said: *„There is always huge interest in the on-the-job training provided by our company, which after 10 years is still attracting over 100 young people a year to get a better understanding of the technical skills required to work at our plant and in our industry. It is in our interest that our apprentices should not only get a theoretical education but also understand the practical skills we will need in the future. At the same time, it is important for them that they work under the supervision of the most experienced foremen, giving them the best opportunity to better understand the work environment, become familiar with the corporate culture and especially feel welcome at our plant.”*

The company pays a great attention to technical apprentices' preparation and works with the following Ostrava technical colleges: Vítkovice Technical College, Secondary School of Electrotechnics, Technical and Transport Secondary School, and Apprentice School DAKOL.

Jaroslav Vystrk added: *“The support to technical apprentice education is also important for us from the perspective of the future of our business as our industry aims to become carbon neutral as soon as possible. Our goal is to foster another generation of experts with an interest in this industry and its*

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*greener and more sustainable future. We consider these apprentices to be our potential employees and want the good ones to stay with us permanently and help us and our industry change for the better.”*

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