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The HIPH Board has issued a number of letters concerning many important and priority matters regarding the activities of the Association's member companies including to:

- Ministry of the Environment, Department of Air and Climate Protection, handing over the EUROFER letter regarding a new aspect regarding the draft Free Allocation Regulation under the EU Emissions Trading System (EU ETS) – 23.10.2018.
- Ministry of Investment and Development, Department of Architecture, Construction and Surveying, about the draft Ministry of Infrastructure and Development Regulation amending the regulation on the manner of declaring the performance in use of construction products and the method of marking thereof with a construction mark – 24.10.2018.
- Ministry of Entrepreneurship and Technology about supporting the ongoing working pre-consultations regarding the introduction in Poland of an indirect carbon cost compensation scheme. – 24.10.2018.
- Ministry of Environment, steel industry position letter regarding the amendment of the Waste Act (29.10.2018).
- Ministry of Entrepreneurship and Development and the Ministry of Environment about the draft European Commission Regulation regarding the rules for granting free emission allowances under the EU emissions trading system for the post-2020 period - with our full alignment– 05.11.2018
- Ministry of Entrepreneurship and Technology, Director of the Innovation Department, requesting their support for the proposal submitted by the European Steel Association EUROFER entitled: "Strategic Value Chain for Low-Carbon Steel" – 07.11.2018.

- Minister of Energy, about the draft act amending the Energy Law Act and some other acts, in particular proposals for the implementation into Polish law of an institution known under the EU legislation and relating to closed distribution systems (hereinafter: "CDS") – 09.11.2018.

- Ministry of Energy, Department of Electricity and Heating, with a copy to the President of the Energy Regulatory Office, MoE&T and PSE as part of the HIPH coalition formed with Forum OEEiG and CO2 Forum, about the impact of a lower rate of quality fee on other users and the impact of users on the transmission system operator costs - 16.11.2018.

- Minister of Entrepreneurship and Technology and the Ministry of Science and Higher Education about the support of the Polish Government for a Joint Technology Initiative on Low Carbon Steel, which will help transform the EU into a low-carbon, circular and competitive economy - 26.11.2018.

- Ministry of Entrepreneurship and Technology, submitting the comments of Member Companies to the draft regulation on the video control system of the waste storage and holding sites- 5 and 6.12.2018.

- Ministry of Entrepreneurship and Technology and Ministry of Environment, submitting comments to the draft law on municipal housekeeping and order and some other acts of 28 August 2018 – 18.12.2018.

- Ministry of Energy and Ministry of Entrepreneurship and Technology, submitting comments to the draft Energy Policy of Poland until 2040 - (11 and 16.01.2019).

- Ministry of Environment and Ministry of Entrepreneurship and Technology about the methodology for calculating waste recycling rates - (15.01.2019.)

- emails to MEPs requesting amendments to the ENVI Committee draft Resolution on the Strategy for Long-Term Greenhouse Gas Reduction in the EU in Accordance with the Paris Agreement, for the EU to start developing an industrial strategy through a set of WTO-compatible measures that will allow the EU industry to recover the full costs of decarbonisation. This policy should ensure that products manufactured, imported and sold on the Community market have similar constraints in the form of carbon costs. (24.01.2019).

- signing the Manifesto of representatives of European industry to Heads of State and Government - for industry to become key for the future of the European Union (28.01.2019).

HIPH Council Session

December 3, 2018 saw the HIPH Council holding a session at the Polish Steel Association premises. At the beginning, a company representing the bearing

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manufacturer RKR Bearing Industries and LIEBHERR Components delivered a short presentation.

In the further part of the meeting, the Council Members became updated on the current situation on the steel, coke and refractory markets in 2018 and on topics related to modification of trade defence instruments (MTDI), ongoing safeguarding measures and applicable AD/AS duties. The Council also became acquainted with the plan of activities undertaken by the Chamber's Board within the framework of the formed coalitions: WG on Energy-Intensive Industries and issues covered by the cooperation with EY.

HIPH conference

On December 13-14, 2018 a conference of HIPH Member Companies was held in Ustroń. The meeting discussed the following issues: steel, coke and refractory market performance, EU steel trade with third countries. The current state of safeguarding measures and operating trade defence measures in international steel and raw materials for metallurgy trades were presented. Current topics were also discussed, of importance for steel producers in Poland and in the EU.

Our Voice in Media:

- Steel Demand Going Down, Puls Biznesu (04.11. 2018.)
- Steel Is Cheaper, It Soon Will Get Better, Puls Biznesu (27.11. 2018)
- Steel Market Growing, but Polish Companies Cannot Ride On It, WNP (20.12.2018)
- Polish Steel Industry 2018. Achievements - Threats - Prospects, Magazyn Hutniczy No 51/52 (19-25.12. 2018)
- Electricity Prices on Ice, Puls Biznesu (01.01.2019)
- Energy Guzzlers Afraid of State Aid, Puls Biznesu (08.01.2019).
- The Polish economy consumed a record amount of steel in 2018

Attended Events:

- on-line workshops about the qualitative fee criteria, organised by EY (17.10.2018).
- meeting at the Ministry of Entrepreneurship and Technology about solutions aimed at reducing charges that affect energy-intensive businesses in connection with the rising electricity costs, Warsaw (19.10.2018).
- plenary meeting of the Academic and Economic Association of Steelmakers with The Situation in the Steel Industry in Poland.

Opportunities and Threats presentation, Zakopane (19.10.2018).

- meeting of owners, CEOs and directors of Odlewnicza Izba Gospodarcza or Foundry Chamber of Commerce and a presentation on Regulatory Impact on Production Costs in Energy-Intensive Industries. Capacity Market and Other Regulations", Bobolice (25.10.2018).

- Corporate Responsibility Council, Dąbrowa Górnicza (29.10.2018).

- Made from Steel Event as part of the Steel Day organised by Polska Izba Konstrukcji Stalowych or Polish Chamber of Steel Structures, Warsaw (14.11.2018).

- meeting with representatives of the World Steel Association in charge of environmental and climate protection issues, HIPH premises (07.12.2018)

- an extraordinary meeting of the Energy and Climate Policy Committee of KIG or Polish Chamber of Commerce; The aim of the meeting was to develop a joint position for the draft Polish Energy Policy until 2040 (10.01.2019).

- meeting at AMP S.A. about the scope and manner of coordination of the activities of the Chamber's Member Companies in the area of environmental regulations for the steel industry, Dąbrowa Górnicza (28.01.2019).

- a number of meetings at the Ministry of Entrepreneurship and Technology regarding solutions aimed at reducing charges that affect energy-intensive businesses due to rising costs of electricity, designing a compensation system for energy-intensive industry and the notification of the capacity relief (11, 19, 31.10.2018, 4 and the 5.12.2018 visit to the EC, 19.12.2018, 10.01.2019, 24.01.2019)

- teleconferences and numerous meetings with EY as part of the Steel Steering Committee

- teleconferences of the Steering Committee, Working Committee and Advisors in the framework of cooperation with the Forum of Electricity and Gas Buyers – about indirect cost compensation system, cogeneration and capacity market schemes.