## Arcelor : Strategies and experience with Russia





## Arcelor in Russia

- Investment project (SeverGal)
- Sales of mill products
- Sourcing of semis and raw materials
- Trading
- Consulting
- Monitoring restructuring, privatization and consolidation
- Equipment and R&D



## Focus on servicing steel consumers worldwide

- Long term commitment to customer-supplier partnerships
- Product and service differentiation
  - "Time-to-market"
  - Closeness to customer
  - Service quality
  - Customer retention
  - Technological breakthroughs
- 2 Strategic approaches
  - <u>Commodities</u>: cost-leadership, continuous improvement, service quality
  - Specialties: offer differentiation (product and service), partnership with the customer

#### **Geographic** profile (as % of turnover)



- Main steel consumer groups
  - ▲ Automotive and transportation
  - Construction and machinery
  - Packaging
  - Mechanical engineering
  - Household appliances

## **Automotive Sector**

## Severgal JV (25% Arcelor + 75% Severstal)

- Proximity to customer
- \$180 million, 400tpy HDG line
- Extragal Technology
- 100% dedicated to local automotive industry
- Construction under way. Start up second half 2004
- The project is aimed at maturing Russian automotive industry with shifting consumption pattern towards HDG.



## General industry

#### Construction

- Arcelor Construction covers 30% of EU market of corrugated profiles. Intends to establish roll-forming facilities in Russia.
- Sales of prepainted sheet ex Eko-Stahl will double this year

#### **Niche products**

- Sheet piling. Strong increase of orders for off-shore drilling and harbor projects
- Sales of HR plate of high steel grades to pipe industry
- Stainless steel. Maintaining status of market leader among the imported products.



## Positioning of Arcelor's purchasing

## Global expenditure: 19 bn€

### Operational impact

"Purchase spending accounts for **2/3** of sales revenues"

### Organisation adapted to marketplace

- ▲Global buyer/head buyer
  - Global suppliers: coal, iron ore...
  - Concentrated suppliers: electricity...
- ▲Local buyers
  - . Local suppliers: maintenance...





# Purchasing and Trading

### Sourcing

- Due to sustainable cost advantage and increased export capacity outsourcing of raw materials and semis from Russia is important.
- Downside high transportation cost
- Products Iron ore, HRC.
- In future slabs, billets, blooms, etc.

### Trading

TradeARBED + Maison Mathieu = Arcelor International

- Clear separation between "mill" sales and trading
- Emphasis on margin, not volume
- Intentional global decrease in trading volume, increase in profitability. Target – 1 million tpy.



## Strategic motivation of the merger

- Create value for customers, shareholders and employees
- Diversify markets: geographically and product range
- Take part in the global reorganization of the sector
- Deliver economies of scale
- Speed up the renewal of worldwide offer
- Focus research and development of new products



## **Global Leader in Steel**

#### As global industry leader Arcelor:

- Leads global discussion on restructuring of steel industry.
- Monitors consolidation and latest industry trends in Russia.
- Provides advice to Russian steel companies. Arcelor Consultants.
- Promotes steel. "Made of Steel" campaign.

### Equipment sales and cooperation in R&D

- Paul Wurth sharply increased supplies of equipment to Russia
- Cooperation between Eko-Stahl and Moscow Institute of Steel and Alloys
- Know-How transfer under SeverGal

