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News Advisory

City Of Cleveland Gun Melt Hosted by ArcelorMittal Cleveland

CLEVELAND – On November 29, 2012, the City of Cleveland and ArcelorMittal Cleveland will hold a gun melt to recycle more than 300 guns from various sources, including those surrendered at the 2012 Cleveland Gun Buy-Back. On Saturday, October 20, 2012 citizens exchanged firearms for gift cards in addition to tickets to an upcoming Cleveland Cavaliers and Monsters game and an entry into a raffle for a chance to win up to \$1,000.

"ArcelorMittal has been a great corporate partner. Partnerships like this help support our enforcement efforts and are an important part of our overall approach and strategy to stemming gun violence in our city. It is a problem that the entire community must unite against if we are to win," said Mayor Frank G. Jackson.

"ArcelorMittal is proud to partner in the efforts to make our communities safer. Our support of the gun buyback program is a natural extension of our commitment to make Greater Cleveland a safer place for our employees and neighbors. We are pleased to melt down the collected weapons and recycle them into consumer goods that improve the quality of all our lives. In fact, the guns we melt could eventually become washing machines, car parts or refrigerators," said Eric Hauge, Vice President & , General Manager, ArcelorMittal Cleveland.

Following a media briefing, the guns will be placed into the No. 1 Basic Oxygen Furnace iron ladle and will be melted by approximately 200 tons of molten iron, at temperatures of about 2,400 degrees Fahrenheit. The molten iron, along with scrap, is then charged in the basic oxygen furnace to make steel.

Media Note: To attend the gun melt, all media **must pre-register** with Mary Beth Holdford at 330-659-9121 or marybeth.holdford@arcelormittal.com no later than 5 p.m. on November 28. For safety reasons, space is limited and participation will be on a first-come, first-served basis.

WHO: Mayor Frank Jackson, City of Cleveland
Eric Hauge, Vice President & General Manager, ArcelorMittal Cleveland
Martin Flask, Director, Cleveland Department of Public Safety
Chief Michael McGrath, Cleveland Division of Police

WHAT: 2012 Gun-melt

WHEN: Thursday, November 29, 2012
11:30 a.m. media briefing immediately followed by gun melt

WHERE: **ArcelorMittal Cleveland** - The media briefing will take place across from Gate 1 (3175 Independence Rd.) at the outdoor area between the roadway and the Cuyahoga River. Media should arrive at Gate 1.

SAFETY: Members of the media must wear long pants and flat, closed-toed shoes. No tennis shoes or high heels. Additional required safety attire will be provided, including hard hats, jackets and safety glasses.

In case of inclement weather, the press briefing will be held indoors at the main office building: 3060 Eggers Rd. in Cleveland