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The Board of HIPH sent in a number of letters about many important and priority issues involving the member companies of the Association including, but not limited to:

- Ministry of Finance (Mr Leszek Skiba) with a copy to the Ministry of Economic Development (Mrs Jadwiga Emilewicz) requesting a meeting to discuss the impact of steel industry postulates on the situation of the public finance sector - 07.02.2017

- Ministry of Infrastructure and Construction - our position statement on the draft ordinance of the Minister of Infrastructure and Construction amending the regulation on technical conditions to be met by road engineering sites and location - 17.02.2017

- Ministry of Environment - with regard to ongoing work on the Emissions Trading Directive - 21.02.2017

- Prime Minister of the Republic of Poland and the Minister of Environment - on current discussions in the EC Environment Council on the Commission proposal on the EU ETS after 2020 - 22.02.2017

- Ministry of Finance on GOES - processing under customs control (PCC authorisation) - the position of EUROFER on this matter - 01.03.2017

- Ministry of Energy on the impact of inappropriate EU climate policy and the unfavourable structure of electricity costs in Poland on the functioning of Polish steel sector and the harmful effects of this impact on the mining sector in Poland - 09.03.2017

- Deputy Prime Minister Mateusz Morawiecki, Minister of Environment Jan Szyszko and Minister of Energy Krzysztof Tchórzewski - on legislative works on the future shape of the European Emissions Trading Scheme (EU ETS) - 22.03.2017

- Ministry of Energy on the stated readiness to adopt the position of Polish industry in the context of solutions implementing closed distribution systems to the legal framework - 22.03.2017

- Ministry of Economic Development and the Ministry of Environment received the position of the steel industry on the Trilogue started as part of the revision of the ETS Directive - 07.04.2017

Minister of Economic Development and Finance and the Ministry of Environment received the request by the steel industry for a regulation of the Minister of the Environment amending the regulation on environmental charges - 11.04.2017

Ministry of Economic Development and the Permanent Representation of the Republic of Poland to the European Union on our observations on China's market economy status (MES China) on issues related to the new anti-dumping methodology - 25.04.2017

The HIPH Council Meeting

13.03.2017 saw the HIPH Council meeting held at the Association's premises.

At the beginning of the session, McKinsey delivered a presentation for the Council Members.

The remainder of the meeting had the Council Members getting acquainted with the steel, coke and refractory markets after 12 months of 2016. A summary of the state of work on coalition partnerships formed with HIPH and law firms was presented as regards the initiation of AD proceedings on steel imports from Belarus, and Plan for Metallurgy. Market defence instruments, MES China, TTIP, the Energy Efficiency Act, discussions with PSE on DSRs, transitional charges, ongoing safeguards and AD/AS duties were discussed.

HIPH Conference

March 16-17, 2017 saw a conference of HIPH Member Companies held at Ustroń.

The meeting discussed topics on the situation in the steel, coke and refractory markets, trade in EU steel products with third countries, TTIP, modernisation of EU trade defence instruments and current anti-dumping and anti-subsidy proceedings in the international trade of steel products and raw materials for the steel industry. Also an update was delivered on the possible consequences of granting the People's Republic of China the market economy status (MES China), the low efficiency of the trade defence instruments currently in force and the legal possibilities to limit the increasing imports of dumped steel products from third countries.

Closed distribution systems (DSR)

The Demand Side Response (DSR) can play a greater role in balancing the Polish power system than before. On May 8, 2017 an announcement was made that PSE (National Grid) opened a tender for DSR and that all companies (including some of our members) who submitted applications were qualified.

HIPH has been pursuing these new DSR services for a long time.

Congratulations on the Steelmakers Day

On the occasion of the Steelmakers' Day, the Presidents of the Regional Chamber of Commerce, the Mining Chamber of Industry and Commerce, the Coking Plant of Częstochowa Nowa and the President of the City of Dąbrowa Górnicza gave us their warmest wishes.

Our voice in the media

- Last Year The Polish Economy Used A Record Amount of Steel - PAP (1.03.2017)

- Polish Government Opposes EU Proposals on Greenhouse Gas Emissions. Energy-Intensive Companies Recognize Them as Compromises and Are Afraid of the Changes Proposed by Our Authorities - Puls Biznesu (06.03.2017)

- Roadmap Required - Magazyn Hutniczy (14.03.2017).
- Steel Industry in 2016 - Stal Metale Nowe Technologie No 1-2/2017

Events attended:

- Meeting of the National Council of the Steel Section of NSZZ Solidarność Trade Union, representatives of ZPPH

(Steel Industry Employers) with the participation of parliamentarians, local government and government representatives, Dąbrowa Górnicza (31.01.2017)

- Meeting of the Tripartite Committee on Social Restructuring of Metallurgy, Warsaw (1.02.2017)

- WRDS (Provincial Social Dialogue Council) meeting in Kielce (23.02.2017)

- Meeting at the Ministry of Finance - results of the impact analysis of the steel sector on the economy, postulates of the energy-intensive industries as regards electricity costs and indirect energy cost compensation, Warsaw (28.02.2017)

- Drawers Conference during which a speech was delivered: Situation of Steel Industry in the World, in the EU and in Poland, Opportunities and Threats, Zakopane (2-3.03.2017)

- Meeting of industry associations (HIPH, PIKS, SSN) with PUDS, Warsaw (08.03.2017)

- Meeting with Minister Piotr Naimski on electricity issues, Ministry of Economic Development, Warsaw (15.03.2017)

- General Meeting of Delegates of the National Steel Section of NSZZ Solidarność Trade Union on which a speech was delivered on the situation of energy-intensive industries and EU ETS reform, Katowice (27.03.2017)

- the Economic Council of the President of the Republic of Poland, Industry Section, Warsaw (29.03.2017)

- the General Assembly of Delegates of the Interplant Solidarity Trade Union of NSZZ Solidarność AMP S.A., Dąbrowa Górnicza (31.03.2017)

- Meeting with the Management Board and Member Companies of the Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Waste Management, Zawiercie (06.04.2017)

- Business breakfast with the Honorary Consul of Sweden, Katowice (20.04.2017)

- Inauguration of Dąbrowa Górnicza Ecological Forum, Dąbrowa Górnicza (21.04.2017)

- Meeting of the Social Council of the Silesian University of Technology, Gliwice (25.04.2017)

- Meeting with URE (Energy regulator) on electricity costs, Warsaw (27.04.2017)

- Teleconferences and numerous meetings with EY in the framework of the Steering Committee and the Coalition for the Competitiveness of Polish steel industry and teleconferences organized by FOEEiG Forum of Electricity and Gas Consumers and CO2 Forum