

## UAH 5.6 billion invested by Zaporizhstal into ecological modernization, according to Metinvest Group

Zaporizhstal Iron and Steel Works of Metinvest Group has invested over UAH 5.6 million into environmental modernization in 2012-2016. This was announced during the press tour of central and regional media to the site. Investments into environmental programs of the enterprise amounted to UAH 1.7 million in 2016 alone.

According to the general director of Zaporizhstal Rostislav Shurma, the large-scale modernization of blast furnace No.4 is among the key environmental projects of the enterprise comprising the installation of a dedusting system in the cast house and stock house, construction of a new pickling line in the cold rolling shop-1, and a large-scale modernization of blast furnace No.3.

Modernization of sinter plant gas cleaning systems is a key focus of Zaporizhstal: six gas cleaning plants have been built since 2013. Gas cleaning systems of two sinter strands are operating as normal, and of another four are in the pilot operation. The last commissioned gas cleaning system of sinter strand No.6 was put into operation in November this year. Each sinter strand is equipped with emission control sensors, which monitor the performance of gas cleaning equipment in the on-line mode. Therefore, with the commissioning of gas cleaning systems, Zaporizhstal's sinter plant will achieve international environmental standards in terms of dust and gas emissions cleaning. Ecological modernization will produce a three-fold reduction in sinter plant dust emissions.

### **Yuriy Ryzhenkov, Chief Executive Officer of Metinvest Group:**

"In 2016, Metinvest continues to invest into environmental projects both at Zaporizhstal and at other enterprises of the Group, despite the continued crisis in Ukraine and volatility in the world steel markets. Total investments amounted to over UAH 5.5 billion in just ten years of operation. This amount has been unprecedented for the Ukrainian business, which is a proof of Metinvest Group's focus on future development."

### **Rostislav Shurma, general director of PJSC Zaporizhstal:**

"Ecological investments produce a stable decrease in the emissions of our enterprise, which is proved by figures. Over the last seven years the enterprise achieved a significant reduction in emissions per ton of product. We are engaged in dialogue with state authorities and public institutions discussing our ecological modernization programs, and plan to continue doing it."