

Leadership Transition at LKAB: Charting a New Course Beyond Jan Moström

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Synopsis: Jan Moström, the President and CEO of LKAB, will retire next year after leading the company for a decade. The recruitment process for his successor is now underway. Under Moström's leadership, LKAB has solidified its position as a mining and minerals powerhouse, making significant strides in sustainable practices and innovation. The company is now preparing for a smooth transition into the future.

ArcelorMittal Rejects Allegations of Pollution at Fos-sur-Mer Site Amid Legal Battles

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Synopsis: ArcelorMittal has denied accusations of industrial pollution at its Fos-sur-Mer steel plant in southern France, following a judicial indictment from the Marseille prosecutor's office. The company faces charges related to environmental damage, forgery, and endangerment of lives. However, ArcelorMittal asserts that it has invested heavily in modernization efforts to reduce emissions by 70% since 2002 and fully cooperated with authorities. The case is ongoing, with the company committed to maintaining transparency.

Acciaierie d'Italia Sale Negotiations Begin: Azerbaijani Consortium's Bold €5.5B Proposal

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Synopsis: Italy's Ministry of Enterprise and Production (Mimit) has granted approval for exclusive negotiations with an Azerbaijani consortium, marking the beginning of the sale process for Acciaierie d'Italia (ADI), Italy's leading steel manufacturer. The consortium, consisting of Baku Steel and the Azerbaijan Investment Company, has offered €1.1 billion to acquire the company, along with €4 billion in investments to overhaul the steel plant's operations. The focus of the investment is to modernize the plant by replacing traditional blast furnaces with more environmentally-friendly electric arc furnaces (EAFs), and to significantly reduce carbon emissions. However, the proposal has sparked concerns over job reductions and environmental implications, making it a pivotal moment for the future of Italy's steel industry.

ArcelorMittal Nippon Steel India Seizes Land for Upcoming Mega Steel Plant in Andhra Pradesh

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Synopsis: ArcelorMittal Nippon Steel India has secured land in Andhra Pradesh to establish a new integrated steel plant with an initial capacity of 7.3 million metric tons per year. This move is part of the company's ambitious expansion strategy to enhance its production capabilities in India. The project aligns with the country's goal of increasing

domestic steel manufacturing and achieving 300 million tons per annum of crude steel by 2030.

TYASA's Bold \$450 Million Investment: A Move to Transform Mexico's Steel Industry and Reduce Imports

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Synopsis: TYASA, a leading steel producer in Mexico, has announced a \$450 million investment aimed at substituting imports and boosting the local steel industry. During the ExpoAcero event in Monterrey, Óscar Chahín, CEO of TYASA, highlighted the company's flagship project: a special steel bar rolling mill with an annual capacity of 350,000 metric tons. The investment is also set to expand TYASA's product portfolio to include high-quality, advanced steel for more demanding applications.

Erciyas Çelik Boru Sanayi A.Ş. Wins \$32.5M Order for Adriatic Sea Container Port Expansion

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Synopsis: Erciyas Çelik Boru Sanayi A.Ş., a leading Turkish steel pipe manufacturer, has secured a \$32.5 million contract to supply pipes for the third phase of a major container port project in the Adriatic Sea. This expansion is set to create the largest port in both the Adriatic and Southern Europe, significantly boosting the region's role in global trade.

China's Industrial Ascendancy: A Global Challenge for Competitors, Warns Ternium Argentina President Martín Berardi

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Synopsis: Martín Berardi, president of Ternium Argentina, warned that China's growing dominance in the global industrial sector poses a significant risk to many countries, including Argentina. He highlighted how China's economic practices, such as heavy reliance on state-owned enterprises (SOEs), central planning, and disregard for intellectual property rights, give Chinese industries an unfair advantage. Berardi emphasized the need for a coordinated international response to counter these practices, as countries like Argentina are unable to compete on equal footing with China. While Argentina has the potential to thrive in regional markets, China's influence on global industries requires urgent attention.

Ternium Proposes Origin Rules Under USMCA Instead of Tariffs: A Strategic Shift for North America

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Synopsis: Ternium, a leading steel manufacturer, has proposed implementing strict origin rules under the USMCA (United States-Mexico-Canada Agreement) as a solution

to counter Asian competition. Máximo Vedoia, the global president of Ternium, suggests that origin rules could provide a more effective way to safeguard North American industries than imposing tariffs. This proposal, which is set to be discussed beyond April 2, is seen as a move towards regional collaboration to strengthen the North American market.

Víctor Cairo Calls for Regional Strength: Substituting Imports & Ensuring Fair Trade in Steel Market

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Synopsis: Víctor Cairo, President of Canacero and ArcelorMittal México, spoke at ExpoAcero in Monterrey, urging for import substitution and the consolidation of the regional steel market. He stressed the importance of addressing unfair competition and strengthening the steel trade with the United States. With 7.6 million metric tons of bilateral steel trade at stake, Cairo proposed strategic collaboration among Latin American nations to protect and grow the regional steel industry.

Lula Critiques US Steel Tariffs, Warns of Global Economic Impact & Protectionism

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Synopsis: Brazilian President Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva has strongly criticized the US's new trade policies, especially the 25% tariffs on steel and aluminum imports. He warns that such protectionist measures could lead to inflation, harm global trade, and disrupt economic growth, urging President Donald Trump to reconsider the decision.

US Imposes 25% Tariffs on Imported Cars & Auto Parts: A Major Shift in Trade Policy

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Synopsis: The United States is set to implement a 25% tariff on imported cars and auto parts, which will take effect on April 3. This will impact finished vehicles and auto parts that are shipped to the U.S. for assembly in American factories, affecting both foreign brands and U.S. automakers like Ford Motor and General Motors, which have manufacturing operations in Mexico and Canada.

Genmin Limited Poised to Unlock Gabon's Iron Ore Potential with \$760 Million Resource Estimate

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Synopsis: Genmin Limited, an Australian-based iron ore producer, has secured a significant step forward in the development of Gabon's first commercial iron ore mine with the signing of a mining convention for the Baniaka Iron Ore Project. This landmark development, with an estimated 760 million metric tons of iron ore, will put Gabon on the map as a critical player in the global iron ore supply chain. Production is projected to

begin in late 2026, and Genmin plans to ramp up production capacity to 10 million metric tons per year.

Gerdau Recognized as “Marca Gaucha del Año” for Significant Role in Rio Grande do Sul Recovery Efforts

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Synopsis: Gerdau, a leading Brazilian steel company, has been honored with the “Marca Gaucha del Año” title by Jornal do Comércio. This recognition is for the company’s outstanding efforts in supporting the recovery of Rio Grande do Sul after the catastrophic rains of May 2024. Gerdau invested more than R\$ 51.4 million in recovery initiatives across multiple sectors, from infrastructure and housing to education and humanitarian aid, while also mobilizing a large internal volunteer workforce to aid in the restoration of communities.

Autlán Commemorates World Water Day by Cleaning the Atoyac River in Mexico

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Synopsis: In celebration of World Water Day, Autlán, a prominent company in Mexico, took part in a voluntary initiative to clean and conserve the Atoyac River in Puebla. This effort aimed to support water resource recovery and promote the sustainable use of water. It also involved other activities to preserve and protect local water bodies.

CBAM Reform: Italy, France, & Slovakia Urge Simplification for Competitiveness in 2025

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Synopsis: Italy, France, and Slovakia have called for significant changes to the Cross-Border Carbon Adjustment Mechanism (CBAM), urging the EU to simplify its regulations and reduce the administrative burden for companies affected by the carbon levy. As industries like steel and cement prepare for the CBAM to be fully implemented by 2026, these countries are pushing for reforms that would make it easier for companies to comply. The proposed changes aim to enhance competitiveness, streamline processes, and support European industries in their efforts to meet environmental goals without losing ground in global markets.

Peru Secures the International Renewable Energy Certificate (I-REC) for 2024 Energy Milestone

March 29, 2025

Synopsis: Peru has successfully achieved the International Renewable Energy Certificate (I-REC), a significant milestone in its commitment to renewable energy. The country demonstrated its consumption of 298.17 GWh of 100% renewable energy in

2024, thanks to its strategic partnership with Orygen, an energy company in Peru. This achievement highlights the growing role of renewable energy in Peru's future.

Aceros Aza's Low-Emission Steel Roadmap: Leading the Charge in Sustainability

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Synopsis: Aceros Aza, a Chilean steel company, has taken significant steps towards sustainability in the steel production sector. In 2020, the company achieved a 50% reduction in CO₂ emissions, followed by a 7.6% reduction in energy consumption in 2024. Additionally, Aceros Aza has inaugurated a state-of-the-art scrap recycling plant, further enhancing its commitment to sustainability and reducing its environmental footprint.

Coega Mill's Vision: South Africa's Potential as Africa's Green Steel Hub

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Synopsis: South Africa is poised to become a leading force in green steel production, with Coega Steels at the forefront of this movement. By utilizing innovative mini mills that focus on recycling scrap metal, the country is reducing carbon emissions significantly, contributing to a more sustainable future. With the right investments and policies, South Africa can lead the green-steel revolution in Africa.

ARS Steel, Epic Group & sentra.world Unveil Eco-Friendly TMT Bars

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Synopsis: In a major leap towards sustainability, ARS Steel, Epic Group, and sentra.world have unveiled India's first green steel TMT bars for the construction of a cutting-edge green manufacturing facility in Bhubaneswar, Odisha. This collaboration introduces ultra-low emission steel production, setting new standards for eco-friendly construction practices, and supporting India's goal of achieving net-zero emissions.

Automakers Must Seize Green Steel Opportunities to Drive Industry Decarbonization

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Synopsis: Automotive manufacturers are in a unique position to help decarbonize the steel industry by increasing their demand for green steel technologies, which could significantly reduce carbon emissions. By focusing on producing low-carbon, near-zero-emission steel, automakers can help advance sustainable steelmaking, reduce greenhouse gas emissions, and meet environmental goals. Experts from the green steel sector discussed various cutting-edge technologies and strategies during a CALSTART webinar, emphasizing the need for industry-wide collaboration and a stable market for green steel.

Châteauneuf Solar Power Plant: Revitalizing Industrial Land for Sustainable Energy Transition

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Synopsis: The Châteauneuf solar power plant, a collaboration between EDF Renouvelables and ArcelorMittal Industeel, marks a significant milestone in industrial transformation and energy transition. Located in the Loire department, this plant is set on a former industrial waste storage site. The plant is a 4.5 MWc photovoltaic facility, capable of supplying energy for 2,600 people annually. This project not only contributes to renewable energy generation but also demonstrates how industrial land reclamation can lead to environmental benefits and sustainable energy solutions.

£3M Fund to Bolster Mental Health Support for Tata Steel Workers & Families in Port Talbot

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Synopsis: A £3.27 million fund has been allocated to enhance mental health support for Tata Steel workers and their families in Port Talbot, Wales. The fund, provided by the UK Government in partnership with Neath Port Talbot Council, is aimed at addressing the mental health challenges caused by Tata Steel's transition to greener steelmaking.

TotalEnergies to Invest EUR 160 Million in Battery Storage Projects to Fuel Germany's Green Energy Future

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Synopsis: On March 26, 2025, TotalEnergies announced a strategic investment of EUR 160 million in six new battery storage projects across Germany. The projects, set to create 221 megawatts of energy storage capacity by 2026, form part of the company's broader efforts to expand its renewable energy footprint in Germany. This move comes as the country accelerates its energy transition, moving away from nuclear and coal to focus on green energy solutions.