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*I would like to welcome you cordially on behalf of the Board of Directors of Třinecké železářny in the steel town of Třinec on the 7th European Oxygen Steelmaking Conference. In April this year we celebrated 175 years since the time the first tone of hot metal has been produced in Třinecké železářny. At present, Třinecké železářny is the biggest steel producer in the Czech Republic. Its steel production share reaches almost half of the Czech steel production. Its sole owner is the company Moravia Steel that ranks among the top ten the biggest companies in the Czech Republic. The Třinecké železářny-Moravia Steel Group comprises of 28 companies, 26 have their headquarters in the Czech Republic, one in Poland and another one in Hungary. The Group employs almost 15,000 employees.*

*The main product portfolio of Třinecké železářny includes wire rod, sections, special bar steel, rails, wide steel, seamless tubes, and semis. Our products are further finalized in our production chains. The final products of our subsidiaries are for example chains, screws, springs, ropes, tire cords, and other.*

*This year we work on development and research projects that are aimed at the whole range of technological procedures, beginning with production of coke, sinter, pig iron, crude steel, then rolling, drawing of wire, heat treatment and ending on resolving the question of decreasing of negative impacts on environment, waste management and utilization of secondary raw materials.*

*I wish you a nice stay in Třinec and many inspirational thoughts and ideas together with many interesting personal meetings as well.*