

# Rock Tech and ArcelorMittal Agree on Cooperation to Strengthen Regional Industrial Competence

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- Rock Tech Guben GmbH and ArcelorMittal Eisenhüttenstadt GmbH have signed a letter of intent to intensify regional synergies in industry in East Brandenburg.
- The main focus lies on joint efforts in securing and qualifying skilled workers as well as collaboration in laboratory services and quality assurance.
- Further cooperation areas are being evaluated by both companies, including local services and rail logistics at the Guben location.

[Rock Tech Lithium Inc.](#) (TSXV: RCK) (OTCQX: RCKTF) (FWB: RJIB) (WKN: A1XF0V) (the "Company" or "Rock Tech") today announced that its subsidiary, Rock Tech Guben GmbH and ArcelorMittal Eisenhüttenstadt GmbH have signed a letter of intent with the aim to identify and promote regional synergies in the industry. The aim of the cooperation is to further strengthen the competitiveness and innovative power of the industrial location Brandenburg.

The agreement focuses on two key areas:

## 1. Security of Skilled Workforce and Qualification:

Rock Tech and ArcelorMittal, together with the Qualification Center for Business (QCW), are examining closer cooperation in training and qualifying skilled workers. Planned measures include the development of joint training models and the establishment of a practice center in Eisenhüttenstadt for specific qualifications, such as welding certificates or forklift licenses. The aim is to actively counteract regional skilled labor shortages and create employment perspectives in the region.

## 2. Quality Assurance and Laboratory Services:

Cooperation with the Research and Quality Center (FQZ) in the areas of laboratory services and quality assurance in the industry is being evaluated. This aims to help maintain and further develop the high-quality standards in production.

Beyond these, additional opportunities for cooperation are being explored, such as:

- Networking of services to strengthen a local service landscape
- Exchange in recycling and further use of by-products from production
- Examination of joint solutions in rail logistics and shunting services at the Guben location

## Strengthening Regional Cooperation

With this initiative, both companies underline their commitment to the sustainable development of the East Brandenburg region. The partnership is intended to increase local industrial value creation, foster innovation, and further develop the region as an attractive site for industry and employees.

"The cooperation with ArcelorMittal Eisenhüttenstadt is an important step for us to secure the skilled workers needed for the converter right on site. Thus, the cooperation also represents a clear commitment to the region, which has long been considered structurally weak. With ArcelorMittal as a traditional partner, we are very confident to set the right impulses for sustainable development and industrial strength in East Brandenburg," said Henrik Wende, Managing Director of Rock Tech Guben.

Steffen Lüdemann, Managing Director and Site Manager of Arcelor Mittal Eisenhüttenstadt: "We have long been an integral part of the region. Cooperating with Rock Tech, we can now make an additional contribution to strengthening East Brandenburg as a modern industrial location with qualified skilled workers. Moreover, we can mutually benefit from each other's professional expertise and further improve our already high standards."

## About Rock Tech Lithium

Rock Tech is enabling the battery age by making the battery industries in Europe and North America more independent and competitive. The Company's goal is to ensure the supply of high-quality, locally produced lithium - supporting a resilient, sustainable, and transparent value chain from mine to battery-grade material.

Rock Tech relies on responsible sourcing, state-of-the-art and proven technologies, and a clear focus on circular economy principles. The Company's lithium hydroxide converter projects in Guben, Germany (24,000 tonnes LHM per year) and in Canada (up to 36,000 tonnes LCE per year) form the foundation for a stable and regional supply to the battery and automotive industries. The Guben converter has been recognized as a strategic project under the EU Critical Raw Materials Act.

The raw materials for Rock Tech's converter projects are sourced exclusively from verifiably ESG-compliant suppliers. Rock Tech relies, among other sources, on its wholly owned Georgia Lake Project, which ensures a stable and sustainable supply for the North American market and is being developed in close partnership with local First Nations communities. By integrating recycled materials, the company aims to close the local battery loop.

With its facilities, Rock Tech makes a central contribution to battery-grade material sovereignty and the achievement of its targets. The company works in partnership with industry, policymakers, and community groups, and is committed to open communication and the highest environmental standards.

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## About ArcelorMittal

ArcelorMittal is one of the world's leading integrated steel and mining companies with a presence in 60 countries and production facilities in 15 countries. It is the largest steel producer in Europe, among the largest in the Americas, and has a growing presence in Asia through its joint venture AM/NS India. ArcelorMittal sells its products to a diverse range of customers, including the automotive, engineering, construction and machinery industries, and in 2024 generated revenues of \$62.4 billion. In 2024, it produced 57.9 million metric tonnes of crude steel and, 42.4 million tonnes of iron ore. Our purpose is to produce smart products for people and planet. Steels made using innovative processes which use less energy, emit significantly less carbon and are more sustainable. Steels that are cleaner, stronger and reusable. Steels for the renewable energy infrastructure that will support societies in transforming through this century. With steel at our core, our inventive people and an entrepreneurial culture at heart, we will continue to transform the world in making that change. ArcelorMittal is listed on the stock exchanges of New York (NYSE), Amsterdam (Euronext), Paris (Euronext), Luxembourg (Euronext) and on the Spanish stock exchanges of Barcelona, Bilbao, Madrid and Valencia (Bolsas). For further information, please visit <http://corporate.arcelormittal.com/>

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