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Department:
Trade, Industry and Competition
REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA

THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

QUESTION FOR WRITTEN REPLY

QUESTION NO. 311

Mr T M Langa (IFP) to ask the Minister of Trade, Industry and Competition:

- (1) Given the critical role of ArcelorMittal South Africa in the steel industry and its contribution to infrastructure development, job creation, and economic growth and considering that the potential closure of its plants poses a significant threat to employment and the broader construction sector, what is the current status of negotiations between the Government and ArcelorMittal South Africa to prevent the closure of its plants;
- (2) what steps is his department taking to (a) immediately intervene to expedite the process and ensure the preservation of jobs and production capacity and (b) ensure that this engagement is aligned with the government's broader objective of transforming the Republic into a major construction hub? NW335E

REPLY:

I have been advised by the Department as follows.

- (1) **the dtic** and other relevant government institutions have been in constant engagement with ArcelorMittal South Africa (AMSA) stakeholders to explore initiatives and interventions aimed at saving and/or mitigating the impact of the closure of the AMSA longs business.
- (2) In June 2024, the IDC provided AMSA with a 12 months' R1bn working capital facility. This facility was restructured in January 2025 and there are no arrears.

Furthermore, in February 2025, the IDC and **the dtic** provided AMSA with a R380m shareholders' loan for working capital, particularly aimed at averting the closing of the longs business plant in Newcastle, KwaZulu-Natal province.

The IDC and **the dtic**, in consultation with stakeholders, including AMSA, are investigating various interventions and initiatives to mitigate the impact on the steel industry and other affected sectors and protect jobs. These include financial, strategic, operational and regulatory initiatives

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