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Department:  
Trade, Industry and Competition  
REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA

## **THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

### **QUESTION FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

#### **QUESTION NO. 5314**

**Mr M M Mdluli (DA) to ask the Minister of Trade, Industry and Competition:**

- (1) Whether his department intends to cap the Independent Development Corporation's financial exposure to ArcelorMittal South Africa; if so, what are the relevant details; if not,
- (2) whether additional public resources will be committed when the company continues to post losses after acquisition; if not, what is the position in each case; if so, what are the relevant details? NW5959E

#### **REPLY:**

I have been advised by the Industrial Development Corporation (IDC) as follows.

- (1) The IDC Board sets the Risk Appetite Thresholds for the Corporation's funding activities.
- (2) The IDC remains committed to support a sustainable steel sector, which impacts on numerous downstream industries and support thousands of jobs (direct and indirect). Any further investment decisions by the IDC into AMSA will be informed by our focus on job- rich industrialisation and protection of strategic capacity. This will take into account various considerations including commercial merit, risk appetite, developmental and strategic impact, and will be considered on a case-by-case basis in line with the IDC governance processes.

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