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CLEVELAND – On October 20, 2011, the City of Cleveland and ArcelorMittal Cleveland will hold a gun melt to recycle more than 700 guns, including those surrendered at the 2011 Multi-Community Greater Cleveland Gun Buy-Back last month. On Saturday, September 17, 2011, citizens of Cleveland, Euclid, Lakewood, Parma, and Shaker Heights exchanged firearms for gift cards in addition to tickets to an upcoming Cleveland Cavaliers and Monsters game and an entry into a raffle for a chance to win up to $1,000. "ArcelorMittal is proud to partner in the efforts to make our communities safer.

Our support of the gun buyback program is a natural extension of our commitment to make Greater Cleveland a safer place for our employees and neighbors. We are pleased to melt down the collected weapons and recycle them into consumer goods that improve the quality of all our lives. In fact, the guns we melt could eventually become washing machines, car parts or refrigerators," said Eric Hauge, General Manager & Vice President, ArcelorMittal Cleveland.

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Media Note: To attend the gun melt, all media must pre-register with Mary Beth Holdford at

330-659-9121 or
marybeth.holdford@arcelormittal.com
no later than 5 p.m. on Oct. 19. For safety reasons, space is limited and participation will be on a first-come, first-served basis.

WHO
: Mayor Frank Jackson, City of Cleveland

Eric Hauge, Vice President & General Manager, ArcelorMittal Cleveland

Mayor Bill Cervenik, City of Euclid

Mayor Michael Summers, City of Lakewood

Mayor Dean DePiero, City of Parma

Mayor Earl Leiken, City of Shaker Heights - more -

Martin Flask, Director, Cleveland Department of Public Safety

Chief Michael McGrath, Cleveland Division of Police

Acting Chief Tom Brickman, City of Euclid

Captain Anthony Ciresi, City of Lakewood

Mark Granakis, President, United Steelworkers Local 979

WHAT
: 2011 Gun-melt

WHEN
: Thursday, Oct. 20, 2011

11 a.m. media briefing immediately followed by gun melt

WHERE
: ArcelorMittal Cleveland - The media briefing will take place across from Gate 1 (3175 Independence Rd.) at the outdoor area between the roadway and the Cuyahoga River.In case of inclement weather, the press briefing will be held indoors at the main office building: 3060 Eggers Rd. in Cleveland