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IV Interviewer
RB Roeland Baan

Time-code	Speaker	Speech
10:00:00	IV	What is the significance of the Belgian Government's decision on the proposed merger with Arcelor?
10:00:05	RB	I think it is very significant. It is the first time now in this process that a third party actually advised one of the governments and the government came up with a very, not neutral, actually positive, statement. First of all, Arcelor is, of course, one of the, the, the most significant merchant banks in, in the world. They have gone through this process with us
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very, very diligently. We had many meeting with them, with the Belgian Government. And the result is this, this outcome. And I say it's not just neutral; it does say on the Mittal, Mittal offer that it is a solid and viable proposition with clearly a long-term benefit, given the dynamics of the steel industry. Whereas, on the other hand, although let's say from the

- 10:00:54 RB Arcelor side, that Arcelor as well is a, a solid proposition. They do have three questions and the three questions are that one, with the super dividend and the buy-back scheme that they have currently, that they're trying to do, Arcelor will get a big mortgage on the, on the balance sheet of about 13 billion of debt. So the Government asks Arcelor to answer
- 10:01:19 RB the question, what does that mean for investments in Belgium and what does it mean for further participation in the consolidation in the industry, which they see as extremely important for the strength of the European industry. The second question they have is on the announcement that Arcelor has done on their value creation. Here they claim that
- 10:01:37 RB the next two years they will find 2.2 billion in management gains, more than they got out of the synergies of putting the companies together in the, in the first place. Now obviously 2.2 billion you don't find on the street. You have to, you have to do something for it and, most likely, what you do is you restructure, you unfortunately have to let people go and
- 10:02:01 RB this is something of great concern of the Belgian Government which they want to have answered as well.
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