

#### STATE OF MICHIGAN

# DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT, GREAT LAKES, AND ENERGY

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July 15, 2022

### VIA UPS NEXT DAY DELIVERY

# **ENFORCEMENT NOTICE**

In the matter of:

Christopher Hessler Gerdau MacSteel, Inc. - Monroe Mill 3000 East Front Street Monroe, Michigan 48161

ATTENTION: Christopher Hessler

This letter is to advise you of the commencement of escalated enforcement action against Gerdau MacSteel, Inc. - Monroe Mill (Company), located at 3000 East Front Street, Monroe, Michigan. This letter follows the June 7, 2022, Violation Notice issued by the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE), Air Quality Division (AQD) which detailed violations of Part 55, Air Pollution Control, of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, 1994 PA 451, as amended (NREPA), MCL 324.5501 *et seq.*, and the rules promulgated there under; and Permit to Install (PTI) No. 75-18, Special Conditions (SC) I.8, I.9, I.10 and I.14 for the ladle metallurgy furnace and the vacuum tank degassers (FGLMFVTD), SC V.1 for the ladle preheater (EULADLEPREHEAT2) and SC V.1 for the electric arc furnace (EUEAF).

The alleged violations against the Company are federally enforceable and are considered a High Priority Violation (HPV) by the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). The HPV designation means that the EPA places a priority on enforcing the regulations governing this violation and on formally resolving alleged violations of this type. The AQD is required to report all HPVs to the EPA, pursuant to the state's grant commitments with the EPA and the state's delegated enforcement authority of the federal Clean Air Act.

The AQD is providing the Company with an opportunity to formally resolve these violations through the entry of a legally enforceable agreement that will include a compliance program and payment of an appropriate monetary penalty pursuant to Section 5528 of Part 55 of NREPA, MCL 324.5528.

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Be advised that failure to respond to this Enforcement Notice in a timely manner and adequately resolve or address the cited violations may result in further enforcement proceedings, including but not limited to, referral of the matter to the Michigan Department of Attorney General (MDAG) for commencement of civil litigation. This Enforcement Notice does not preclude or limit EGLE's ability to initiate any other enforcement action under federal or state law as appropriate.

<u>Please contact me at 517-275-2620, or by email at RathbunJ1@Michigan.gov, no later</u> than July 26, 2022, to schedule a meeting to discuss the resolution of this matter.

STATE OF MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT, GREAT LAKES, AND ENERGY

By:

Jeff Rathbun

Air Quality Division, Enforcement Unit

Date: 7/15/2022

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