

17<sup>th</sup> October 2014

To the General Secretaries of FIOM-CGIL, FIM-CISL and UILM

Dear Colleagues,

**RE: MESSAGE OF SOLIDARITY TO OUR ITALIAN TRADE UNION COLLEAGUES REGARDING THEIR STRUGGLE IN THE Acciai Speciali Terni CASE**

IndustriAll Europe supports the fight of the Italian unions against the drastic cost cutting plan presented by the ThyssenKrupp management that re-acquired the Terni site after the intervention of the European antitrust authorities.

This plan is totally unacceptable. It will jeopardise the industrial future of the biggest stainless steel producing site in the EU and will have drastic repercussions, both on direct and indirect employment.

IndustriAll Europe has already denounced a situation which is the consequence of the failure of the industrial plan envisaged by the EU DG Competition.

In the last three years, AST has been kept in a state of instability, which had a dramatic effect on the economic results of the plant. Now AST urgently needs an industrial plan which will give a new strategic perspective for its stainless steel activities. It does not need a plan which aims at reducing its production capacities whereas Italy still remains the second most important use of stainless steel in Europe.

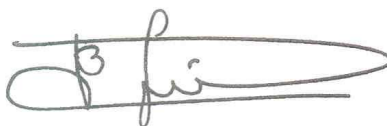
IndustriAll Europe would like to join with the Italian unions in their call to ThyssenKrupp to withdraw its restructuring plan and engage in a constructive dialogue with the trade unions and the local and national authorities, in order to jointly develop a sustainable industrial plan for AST.

IndustriAll Europe also calls on the European Competition Authorities to take immediate and full responsibility for their decision and ensure the long term viability of AST in Europe.

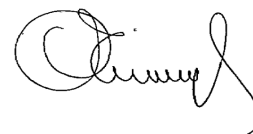
In Solidarity,



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