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ARCELORMITTAL

€10,000,000,000

EURO MEDIUM TERM NOTE PROGRAMME

# **ISSUE AND PAYING AGENCY AGREEMENT**

15 December 2023

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THIS AGREEMENT is made on 15 December 2023

### **BETWEEN**:

- ARCELORMITTAL, incorporated under the laws of the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg, as a *société anonyme* with registered office at 24-26 boulevard d'Avranches, L-1160 Luxembourg, Grand Duchy of Luxembourg and registered with the Luxembourg Register of Commerce and Companies, under the number B 82.454 (the "Issuer");
- (2) BNP PARIBAS, LUXEMBOURG BRANCH, a société anonyme (public limited company) registered with the Registre du commerce et des sociétés in Paris (Trade and Companies' Register) under number No. 662 042 449, authorised by the Autorité de Contrôle Prudentiel et de Résolution (ACPR) and supervised by the Autorité des Marchés Financiers (AMF), with its registered address at 16 Boulevard des Italiens, 75009 Paris, France, acting through its Luxembourg branch, whose office is at 60, avenue J.F. Kennedy, L-1855 Luxembourg, Grand-Duchy of Luxembourg, registered with the Luxembourg Trade and Companies' Register under number B23968 (the "Fiscal Agent"); and
- (3) BNP PARIBAS, a société anonyme (public limited company) registered with the Registre du commerce et des sociétés in Paris (Trade and Companies' Register) under number No. 662 042 449, authorised by the Autorité de Contrôle Prudentiel et de Résolution (ACPR) and supervised by the Autorité des Marchés Financiers (AMF), with its registered address at 16 Boulevard des Italiens, 75009 Paris, France (the "Paying Agent" and together with the Fiscal Agent, the "Paying Agents").

#### WHEREAS:

- (A) The Issuer has established a Euro Medium Term Note Programme (the "Programme") for the issuance of notes (the "Notes"). In connection with the Programme it has entered into a dealer agreement dated 15 December 2023 (the "Dealer Agreement").
- (B) The Issuer has made applications to the Luxembourg Stock Exchange for Notes issued under the Programme to be admitted to listing on the official list and to the Luxembourg Stock Exchange for Notes issued under the Programme to be admitted to trading on the regulated market of the Luxembourg Stock Exchange. Notes may also be issued on the basis that they will not be admitted to listing, trading and/or quotation by any competent authority, stock exchange and/or quotation system or that they will be admitted to listing, trading and/or quotation by such other or further competent authorities, stock exchanges and/or quotation systems as may be agreed with the Issuer.
- (C) In connection with the Programme, the Issuer has prepared a base prospectus dated 15 December 2023 (the "Base Prospectus") which has been approved by the *Commission de Surveillance du Secteur Financier* (the "CSSF") as a base prospectus issued in compliance with Regulation (EU) 2017/1129 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 14 June 2017, as may be amended from time to time.

- (D) Notes issued under the Programme may be issued pursuant to the Base Prospectus describing the Programme and Final Terms describing the final terms of the particular Tranche of Notes.
- (E) The Issuer and the Agents (as defined below) wish to record certain arrangements which they have made in relation to the Notes to be issued under the Programme.

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# SCHEDULE 2 PROVISIONS FOR MEETINGS OF NOTEHOLDERS

#### 1. **DEFINITIONS**

In this Agreement and the Conditions, the following expressions have the following meanings:

"Block Voting Instruction" means, in relation to any Meeting, a document in the English language issued by a Paying Agent for Holders of Notes on such Holders of Notes request:

- (a) certifying that certain specified Notes (the "deposited Notes") have been deposited with such Paying Agent (or to the order of such Paying Agent at a bank or other depositary) or blocked in an account with a clearing system and will not be released until the earlier of:
  - (i) the conclusion of the Meeting; and
  - (ii) the surrender to such Paying Agent, not less than 48 hours before the time fixed for the Meeting (or, if the Meeting has been adjourned, the time fixed for its resumption), of the receipt for the deposited or blocked Notes and notification thereof by such Paying Agent to the Issuer;
- (b) certifying that the depositor of each deposited Note or a duly authorised person on its behalf has instructed the relevant Paying Agent that the votes attributable to such deposited Note are to be cast in a particular way on each resolution to be put to the Meeting and that, during the period of 48 hours before the time fixed for the Meeting, such instructions may not be amended or revoked;
- (c) listing the total number and (if in definitive form) the certificate numbers of the deposited Notes, distinguishing for each resolution between those in respect of which instructions have been given to abstain or to vote for, or against, the resolution; and
- (d) authorising a named individual or individuals to vote in respect of the deposited Notes in accordance with such instructions;

"Chairman" means, in relation to any Meeting, the individual who takes the chair in accordance with paragraph 8 (*Chairman*);

"Extraordinary Resolution" means a resolution passed at a Meeting duly convened and held in accordance with this Schedule by a majority of not less than three quarters of the votes cast;

"**Meeting**" means a meeting of Noteholders (whether originally convened or resumed following an adjournment);

"**Proxy**" means, in relation to any Meeting, a person appointed to vote under a Block Voting Instruction by a Holder of a Note, other than:

- (a) any such person whose appointment has been revoked and in relation to whom the Fiscal Agent has been notified in writing of such revocation by the time which is 48 hours before the time fixed for such Meeting; and
- (b) any such person appointed to vote at a Meeting which has been adjourned for want of a quorum and who has not been re-appointed to vote at the Meeting when it is resumed;

### "Relevant Fraction" means:

- (a) for all business other than voting on an Extraordinary Resolution, one tenth;
- (b) for voting on any Extraordinary Resolution other than one relating to a Reserved Matter, two or more persons holding or representing more than fifty (50) per cent.; and
- (c) for voting on any Extraordinary Resolution relating to a Reserved Matter, two or more persons holding or representing not less than 75 per cent., or, for voting on any Extraordinary Resolution relating to the matter referred to in paragraph (a) in the definition of "Reserved Matter", 100 per cent.;

*provided, however, that*, in the case of a Meeting which has resumed after adjournment for want of a quorum it means:

- (i) for all business other than voting on an Extraordinary Resolution relating to a Reserved Matter, the fraction of the aggregate principal amount of the outstanding Notes represented or held by the Voters actually present at the Meeting; and
- (ii) for voting on any Extraordinary Resolution relating to a Reserved Matter, two or more persons holding or representing not less than 25 per cent., or, for voting on any extraordinary Resolution relating to the matter referred to in paragraph (d) of the definition of "Reserved Matter", 100 per cent.;

"Reserved Matter" means any proposal:

- (a) to change any date fixed for payment of principal or interest in respect of the Notes, to reduce or cancel the amount of principal or interest payable on any date in respect of the Notes or to alter the method of calculating the amount of any payment in respect of the Notes on redemption or maturity or the date for any such payment;
- (b) to effect the exchange or substitution of the Notes for, or the conversion of the Notes into, shares, bonds or other obligations or securities of the Issuer or any other person or body corporate formed or to be formed;
- (c) to change the currency in which amounts due in respect of the Notes or Coupons (if any) are payable;
- (d) to change the quorum required at any Meeting or the majority required to pass an Extraordinary Resolution; or

(e) to amend this definition;

"**Voter**" means in relation to any Meeting: the bearer of a Voting Certificate or a Proxy, the bearer of a Definitive Note who produces such Definitive Note at the Meeting; and

"Voting Certificate" means, in relation to any Meeting a certificate in the English language issued by a Paying Agent for Holders of Notes on such Holders of Notes request and dated in which it is stated:

- (a) that certain specified Notes (the "**deposited Notes**") have been deposited with such Paying Agent (or to its order at a bank or other depositary) or blocked in an account with a clearing system and will not be released until the earlier of:
  - (i) the conclusion of the Meeting; and
  - (ii) the surrender of such certificate to such Paying Agent not less than 48 hours before the time fixed for the Meeting (or, if the Meeting has been adjourned, the time fixed for its resumption), of the receipt for the deposited or blocked Notes and notification thereof by such Paying Agent to the Issuer; and
- (b) that the bearer of such certificate is entitled to attend and vote at the Meeting in respect of the deposited Notes;

"Written Resolution" means a resolution in writing signed by or on behalf of all Holders of Notes who for the time being are entitled to receive notice of a Meeting in accordance with the provisions of this Schedule, whether contained in one document or several documents in the same form, each signed by or on behalf of one or more such Holders of the Notes;

"24 hours" means a period of 24 hours including all or part of a day upon which banks are open for business in the places where the relevant Meeting is to be held and in respect of a Meeting of Holders of Notes, each of the places where the Paying Agents have their Specified Offices and such period shall be extended by one period or, to the extent necessary, more periods of 24 hours until there is included as aforesaid all or part of a day upon which banks are open for business as aforesaid; and

"48 hours" means 2 consecutive periods of 24 hours.

# 2. ISSUE OF VOTING CERTIFICATES, FORMS OF PROXY AND BLOCK VOTING INSTRUCTIONS FOR MEETING OF HOLDERS OF NOTES

The Holder of a Note may obtain a Voting Certificate from any Paying Agent or require any Paying Agent to issue a Block Voting Instruction by depositing such Note with such Paying Agent or arranging for such Note to be (to its satisfaction) held to its order or under its control or blocked in an account with a clearing system not later than 48 hours before the time fixed for the relevant Meeting. A Voting Certificate or Block Voting Instruction shall be valid until the release of the deposited Notes to which it relates. So long as a Voting Certificate or Block Voting Instruction is valid, the bearer thereof (in the case of a Voting Certificate) or any Proxy named therein (in the case of a Block Voting Instruction) shall be deemed to be the Holder of the Notes to which it relates for all purposes in connection with the Meeting. A Voting Certificate and a Block Voting Instruction cannot be outstanding simultaneously in respect of the same Note.

## 3. REFERENCES TO DEPOSIT/RELEASE OF NOTES

Where Notes are represented by a Global Note or are held in definitive form within a clearing system, references to the deposit, or release, of Notes shall be construed in accordance with the usual practices (including blocking the relevant account) of such clearing system.

## 4. VALIDITY OF BLOCK VOTING INSTRUCTIONS AND FORMS OF PROXY

A Block Voting Instruction shall be valid only if, in the case of a Note it is deposited at the Specified Office of the Fiscal Agent or at some other place approved by the Fiscal Agent at least 24 hours before the time fixed for the relevant Meeting or the Chairman decides otherwise before the Meeting proceeds to business. If the Fiscal Agent requires, a notarised copy of each Block Voting Instruction and satisfactory proof of the identity of each Proxy named therein shall be produced at the Meeting, but the Fiscal Agent shall not be obliged to investigate the validity of any Block Voting Instruction or the authority of any Proxy.

## 5. CONVENING OF MEETING AND PLACE OF MEETING

The Issuer may convene a Meeting at any time, and shall be obliged to do so upon the request in writing of Noteholders holding not less than one tenth of the aggregate principal amount of the outstanding Notes. Any such Meeting shall be held in such place as the Issuer may in its absolute discretion specify.

#### 6. NOTICE

At least 21 days' notice (exclusive of the day on which the notice is given and of the day on which the relevant Meeting is to be held) specifying the date, time and place of the Meeting shall be given to the Noteholders and the Paying Agents (with a copy to the Issuer). The notice shall set out the agenda of the Meeting and shall state that the Notes may be deposited with, or to the order of, any Paying Agent for the purpose of obtaining Voting Certificates or appointing Proxies not later than 48 hours before the time fixed for the Meeting. The full text of the resolutions proposed to any Meeting may be set out in such notice and, in any event, shall be available upon request with any Paying Agent at the latest at the time of publication of such notice.

## 7. CHAIRMAN

An individual (who may, but need not, be a Noteholder) nominated in writing by the Issuer may take the chair at any Meeting but, if no such nomination is made or if the individual nominated is not present within 15 minutes after the time fixed for the Meeting, those present shall elect one of themselves to take the chair failing which, the Issuer may appoint a Chairman. The Chairman of an adjourned Meeting need not be the same person as was the Chairman of the original Meeting.

#### 8. QUORUM

The quorum at any Meeting shall be at least two Voters representing or holding not less than the Relevant Fraction of the aggregate principal amount of the outstanding Notes; *provided, however, that,* so long as at least the Relevant Fraction of the aggregate principal amount of the outstanding Notes is represented by a Global Note, a single Proxy representing the Holder thereof shall be deemed to be two Voters for the purpose of forming a quorum.

### 9. ADJOURNMENT FOR WANT OF QUORUM

If within 15 minutes after the time fixed for any Meeting a quorum is not present, then:

- (a) in the case of a Meeting requested by Noteholders, it shall be dissolved; and
- (b) in the case of any other Meeting, it shall be adjourned for such period (which shall be not less than 14 days and not more than 42 days) and to such place as the Chairman determines; *provided, however, that*:
  - (i) the Meeting shall be dissolved if the Issuer so decides; and
  - (ii) no Meeting may be adjourned more than once for want of a quorum.

### 10. ADJOURNED MEETING

The Chairman may, with the consent of (and shall if directed by) any Meeting, adjourn such Meeting from time to time and from place to place, but no business shall be transacted at any adjourned Meeting except business which might lawfully have been transacted at the Meeting from which the adjournment took place.

# 11. NOTICE FOLLOWING ADJOURNMENT

Paragraph 6 (*Notice*) shall apply to any Meeting which is to be resumed after adjournment for want of a quorum save that:

- (a) 10 days' notice (exclusive of the day on which the notice is given and of the day on which the Meeting is to be resumed) shall be sufficient; and
- (b) the notice shall specifically set out the quorum requirements which will apply when the Meeting resumes.

It shall not be necessary to give notice of the resumption of a Meeting which has been adjourned for any other reason.

## 12. **PARTICIPATION**

The following may attend and speak at a Meeting:

- (a) Voters;
- (b) representatives of the Issuer and the Fiscal Agent;
- (c) the financial advisers of the Issuer;

- (d) the legal counsel to the Issuer and the Fiscal Agent; and
- (e) any other person approved by the Meeting.

#### 13. SHOW OF HANDS

Every question submitted to a Meeting shall be decided in the first instance by a show of hands. Unless a poll is validly demanded before or at the time that the result is declared, the Chairman's declaration that on a show of hands a resolution has been passed, passed by a particular majority, rejected or rejected by a particular majority shall be conclusive, without proof of the number of votes cast for, against the resolution or, as the case may be, abstaining from, the resolution. Where there is only one Voter, this paragraph shall not apply and the resolution will immediately be decided by means of a poll.

# 14. **POLL**

A demand for a poll shall be valid if it is made by the Chairman, the Issuer or one or more Voters representing or holding not less than one fiftieth of the aggregate principal amount of the outstanding Notes. The poll may be taken immediately or after such adjournment as the Chairman directs, but any poll demanded on the election of the Chairman or on any question of adjournment shall be taken at the Meeting without adjournment. A valid demand for a poll shall not prevent the continuation of the relevant Meeting for any other business as the Chairman directs.

#### 15. **VOTES**

Every Voter shall have:

- (a) on a show of hands, one vote; and
- (b) on a poll, the number of votes obtained by dividing the aggregate principal amount of the outstanding Note(s) represented or held by him by the unit of currency in which the Notes are denominated.

In the case of a voting tie the Chairman shall have a casting vote.

Unless the terms of any Block Voting Instruction state otherwise, a Voter shall not be obliged to exercise all the votes to which he is entitled or to cast all the votes which he exercises in the same way.

### 16. VALIDITY OF VOTES BY PROXIES

Any vote by a Proxy in accordance with the relevant Block Voting Instruction shall be valid even if such Block Voting Instruction or any instruction pursuant to which they were respectively given has been amended or revoked, *provided that*, in the case of a Proxy for a Holder of Notes, the Fiscal Agent has not been notified in writing of such amendment or revocation by the time which is 24 hours before the time fixed for the relevant Meeting. Unless revoked, any appointment of a Proxy under a Block Voting Instruction in relation to a Meeting shall remain in force in relation to any resumption of such Meeting following an adjournment; *provided, however, that* no such appointment of a Proxy in relation to a Meeting originally convened which has been adjourned for want of a quorum shall remain

in force in relation to such Meeting when it is resumed. Any person appointed to vote at such a Meeting must be re-appointed under a Block Voting Instruction to vote at the Meeting when it is resumed.

## 17. **POWERS**

A Meeting shall have power (exercisable by Extraordinary Resolution), without prejudice to any other powers conferred on it or any other person:

- (a) to approve any Reserved Matter;
- (b) to approve any proposal not contemplated in the Conditions by the Issuer for any modification, abrogation, variation or compromise of any of the Conditions or any arrangement in respect of the obligations of the Issuer under or in respect of the Notes;
- (c) to approve any proposal by the Issuer for any modification of any provision of the Deed of Covenant insofar as it relates to the Deed of Covenant or any arrangement in respect of the obligations of the Issuer thereunder;
- (d) to approve the substitution of any person for the Issuer (or any previous substitute) as principal obligor under the Notes and the Deed of Covenant other than as contemplated in the Deed of Covenant;
- (e) to waive any breach or authorise any proposed breach by the Issuer of its obligations under or in respect of the Notes or the Deed of Covenant;
- (f) to authorise the Fiscal Agent or any other person to execute all documents and do all things necessary to give effect to any Extraordinary Resolution;
- (g) to give any other authorisation or approval which is required to be given by Extraordinary Resolution; and
- (h) to appoint any persons as a committee to represent the interests of the Noteholders and to confer upon such committee any powers which the Noteholders could themselves exercise by Extraordinary Resolution.

Any other decision taken at a Meeting will not be deemed to require an Extraordinary Resolution.

No change to the Conditions may be agreed in a Meeting without the consent of the Issuer. In addition, no resolution, other than one in respect to an event of default under the Notes, may be passed at a Meeting which may be prejudicial to the rights of the Issuer, without obtaining the Issuer's prior written consent.

# 18. **RESOLUTION BINDS ALL HOLDERS**

Any resolution passed at a Meeting, including Extraordinary Resolutions shall be binding upon all Noteholders and holders of Coupons and Talons whether or not present at such Meeting and each of the Noteholders shall be bound to give effect to it accordingly. Notice of the result of every vote on an Extraordinary Resolution shall be given to the Noteholders and the Paying Agents (with a copy to the Issuer) within 14 days of the conclusion of the Meeting.

#### 19. MINUTES

Minutes shall be made of all resolutions and proceedings at each Meeting. The Chairman shall sign the minutes, which shall be *prima facie* evidence of the proceedings recorded therein. Unless and until the contrary is proved, every such Meeting in respect of the proceedings of which minutes have been summarised and signed shall be deemed to have been duly convened and held and all resolutions passed or proceedings transacted at it to have been duly passed and transacted.

#### 20. WRITTEN RESOLUTION

A Written Resolution shall take effect as if it were an Extraordinary Resolution or any other type of resolution, as the case may be.

#### 21. GOVERNING LAW

The provisions of articles 470-3 to 470-19 of the Luxembourg law on commercial companies of 10 August 1915, as amended, are hereby excluded.

## SIGNATURES

The Issuer

# ARCELORMITTAL

By:

By:

The Fiscal Agent

# BNP PARIBAS, LUXEMBOURG BRANCH

By:

The Paying Agent

# **BNP PARIBAS**

By: