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Go-ahead for sustainable steelmaking in Port Talbot

EAF – it's a yes

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An artist's impression of the building extension to the Port Talbot steel plant, which will incorporate a scrap loading and conveyor system, as well as integrated energy recirculation and fume extraction facilities

Tata Steel has received council approval to deliver sustainable steelmaking in Port Talbot.

In a message to the workforce, Chief Executive Officer Rajesh Nair said: "I am pleased to confirm that Neath Port Talbot Council's Planning Committee met on 18 February and approved Tata Steel UK's proposals to deliver state-of-the-art electric arc furnace steelmaking at our Port Talbot site."

Tata Steel UK submitted its formal planning application to the council in November last year, which sought permission to construct an electric arc furnace, two new

ladle metallurgy furnaces for secondary steelmaking, and supporting infrastructure.

Rajesh added: "Amidst a challenging global market, today's approval is another significant step forward on our transition to green steelmaking, a step that enables us to begin construction work at our Port Talbot site this summer."

"Let's not forget, we are undertaking one of the most significant industrial transformations in UK steelmaking in a generation. Tata Steel, alongside the UK government, is investing £1.25bn in state-of-the-

art electric arc furnace steelmaking to secure high-quality steel production, preserve thousands of jobs, and safeguard steel making in Port Talbot for generations to come.

"It is also important to remember that we are already moving at pace. There has been an enormous amount of preparatory work undertaken to get us to this point, and I would like to acknowledge the efforts of all those involved."

In October last year, Tata Steel appointed Tenova to supply the new furnace; in December, the company struck a deal with JCB for the

supply of green steel; and, just last month, Sir Robert McAlpine was appointed as the project's main works contractor.

Commenting on the news, Business and Trade Secretary Jonathan Reynolds said: "This is a major step forward in securing a bright, long-term future for steel in South Wales, following the improved deal for Port Talbot's transition we agreed with Tata Steel and the next phase of our Plan for

Inset: CEO Rajesh Nair speaking to the media immediately after Neath Port Talbot Council's planning committee meeting



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Canned recipe



Air Fryer Rhubarb and White Chocolate Muffins

There is a good chance the steel in the canned food you purchase in the UK will have been made by Tata Steel and processed for the food industry by the packaging team in Trostre.

This tasty tinned treat will make your mouth water – and you can recycle the cans, too.

Bake irresistible rhubarb and white chocolate muffins in your air fryer with this quick and easy recipe. These golden-brown treats are moist, fluffy, and bursting with sweet white chocolate and tangy rhubarb.

Ready in under 20 minutes, they're perfect for busy mornings, lunchboxes, or an afternoon snack. No oven needed – just mix, scoop, and air fry!

Ingredients

- 75g Princes Rhubarb in light syrup
- 60ml vegetable oil
- 75g natural yoghurt
- 1x egg
- 2 tbsp milk
- 100g caster sugar
- 150g self-raising flour
- ¼ tsp bicarbonate of soda
- White chocolate chips

Method

1. Heat the air fryer on 160C for 2 mins.
2. Mix the oil, yoghurt, egg and milk in a large bowl, then fold in the sugar, flour and bicarbonate of soda and combine well.
3. Fold in the rhubarb and white chocolate chips.
4. Spoon the mixture into an air fryer muffin tin filled with paper cases to three-quarters full (should make 6-8 muffins).
5. Place in the air fryer basket and cook for 12-15 mins until the muffins are golden brown and an inserted skewer comes out clean.

Canny fact

Steel packaging is easy to load, unload, stack, and store, optimising warehouse space and saving time and costs of handling. Steel packaging is easy to handle and impossible to spill or break, eliminating waste and spoilage.

New body sets strategy as steel shapes up to a vibrant future

In January, the UK government announced the creation of a new Steel Council.

The UK steel industry is currently operating in a challenging and uncompetitive environment. Rising imports, loss of market share, and increased competition in the global steel market have compounded the sector's struggles, and the industry has produced increasingly less steel over the years.

Yet, according to trade association UK Steel, there is an opportunity to reverse this decline with the UK government's newly launched work on a Steel Strategy and the creation of the Steel Council, both of which aim to secure the long-term future of steelmaking in the country.

In a statement to the press, the government said it was ramping up its plans to rebuild the UK's steel sector with the launch of a new Steel Council.

Business Secretary Jonathan Reynolds chaired the first meeting together with co-chair Jon Bolton, Chairman of the Materials Processing Institute.

It brought together leaders from across the industry – including Tata Steel UK – to start the discussion and ultimately advise on the upcoming Steel Strategy.

Jonathan Reynolds said: "A vibrant steel sector is crucial for economic growth and our national security, and by reflecting views from industry across the UK as we bring forward our Steel Strategy we're delivering on the Plan for Change and boosting economic stability."

Jon Bolton added: "I believe the UK has all the essential elements to attract investment into the steel industry: demand, skills, technology, unrivalled research and development and, critically, a supportive government having announced up to £2.5 billion of support through the



Business Secretary Jonathan Reynolds, who chaired the first Steel Council meeting, pictured during a recent Parliamentary summit

National Wealth Fund.

"I see the council's task being to develop a strategy that details the core elements of that investment plan and to establish a roadmap towards a rejuvenated, competitive and

environmentally progressive industry."

Martin Brunnock, Director of Communications and Public Affairs, and Chair of UK Steel, explained: "Our role in the Steel Council is to provide vital advice and guidance alongside

other participants, including British Steel, Liberty Steel, Celsa Steel, Sheffield Forgemasters, Marcegaglia and Trade Unions, on policies and investments to the government as it prepares for the Steel Strategy, which is due to be published in spring."

On 16 February, the UK Government brought forward its consultation on its Plan for Steel, which seeks industries' insights into how to build a sustainable future for steelmaking in the UK.

“A vibrant steel sector is crucial for economic growth and our national security”

Co-Chair of UK Steel Council pays visit to Port Talbot site



Jon Bolton, Co-Chair of the UK Steel Council, visits the proposed EAF location at Port Talbot steelworks

February was a pivotal month for Tata Steel UK.

Off the back of Neath Port Talbot Planning Committee approving proposals for the steelmaker's 3.2mt electric arc furnace, Co-Chair of the UK Steel Council, Jon Bolton, visited site to hear more about the project and the exciting opportunities for green steel production in South Wales.

Jon – who co-Chairs the Steel Council, alongside the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, Jonathan Reynolds – is a veteran of the industry, with over 40 years of experience across the UK, EU and US.

The Steel Council, formed in January, will bring together industry figures, experts, trade unions and devolved governments to secure the long-term future of steelmaking in the UK, with a £2.5 billion green steel fund at its

disposal.

Having met with Tata Steel UK executives, trades union representatives and members of the project team, Jon said: "The plans here to install an electric arc furnace – which as a technology is a major step forward in decarbonising the industry – are really positive."

Speaking of the UK Government's £2.5 billion commitment to the UK Steel Industry, he added: "This investment must give us a return, not just economically but also environmentally and socially and the UK Steel Council will have a significant influence on that investment."

"The Council is moving quickly. From the first meeting in January, the Green Paper on the Steel Strategy has now been published and we expect the full report to be published by the end of Spring."

Contractor named for EAF main works

Construction giant Sir Robert McAlpine will be responsible for managing the main, civil, structural and building works required for the construction of the new electric arc furnace-based steel production facility at Port Talbot, to produce around 3 million tonnes of steel per year.

The project will see the construction of the new electric arc furnace (EAF), ladle furnaces and associated works; all built within the existing Basic Oxygen Steelmaking (BOS) plant and surrounding external areas.

Craig Allen, Managing Director, Industrial, Sir Robert McAlpine, said: "We are proud to be part of the decarbonisation of Port Talbot steelworks, which will play a pivotal role in turning the Port Talbot site into a world-leading hub for sustainable steel production."

The transformation at Port Talbot will support Tata Steel UK's decarbonisation goals, securing a more sustainable future and ultimately leading to a new chapter in UK steelmaking. The project aims to be completed over a three-year construction period, with enabling works starting in Quarter 1 of 2025, and main civil, structural and building works scheduled to start in Quarter 3 of 2025, subject to planning approval.

The ambitious project will make Port Talbot the leading centre for low-CO2 steel production, by investing not only in steelmaking technology, but also in resources dedicated to upskilling colleagues in EAF technology.

Sir Robert McAlpine and Tata Steel UK are committed to making a positive impact in the region,



Glimpse into the future... How the EAF building will look once completed

working with local workforce – including secondary and higher education institutions – to facilitate training and skills development, as well as nurturing strategic relationships with supply chain partners in order to support the project's delivery.

Tata Steel UK's EAF Project Lead, Peter Jones, said: "We're delighted to confirm the appointment of Sir

Robert McAlpine to support us on this once-in-a-generation investment project. Our new arc furnace will be one of the largest and most sophisticated of its kind in the world, so it is important that we work with highly skilled and experienced partners to ensure its success.

"We have a longstanding and trusted collaborative relationship with Sir Robert McAlpine, so are

confident they are the right partner for us in the project."

Craig added: "Our robust relationship with Tata Steel UK and long-standing industrial expertise makes us the ideal partner for this transformation. We look forward to working collaboratively, as part of a fully Integrated project team, to deliver the project successfully."



Darren Wines, from Skanska, and Dave Murray, Tata Steel's Head of Project Engineering

Skanska: a trusted technical friend

Tata Steel UK has taken another significant step in its commitment to low-carbon steelmaking, with the appointment of Bridgend-based Skanska to deliver civil and structural design and project management services for the company's new state-of-the-art electric arc furnace (EAF) project at Port Talbot.

Skanska's Technology business will play a crucial role in the design and execution of key project components.

This includes civil and structural design for building foundations, infrastructure, and drainage, with a particular focus on the new EAF.

Susan Ryall, Engineering and Design Director at Skanska UK, emphasised the collaborative nature of this long-term engagement.

"We have been working closely with Tata Steel for the past four years to develop a design and project management solution that meets the complexity of this scheme," she said.

She further highlighted Skanska's commitment to the project's broader impact: "We are delighted to contribute to this transformative project, which not only safeguards jobs but also significantly improves the environmental footprint of steel production in the UK."

Peter Jones, Tata Steel UK's EAF Project Lead, underscored the scale and importance of the investment.

He said: "This £1.25 billion investment in low-carbon steelmaking represents the most significant commitment the UK steel industry has seen in generations.

"To ensure its success, we are working with trusted partners who have a strong reputation for delivery.

"Our collaboration with Skanska, built over years of joint work, ensures we have the expertise needed to bring this project to life."

UK Government policies critical to meet steel challenges

In the latest SteelCast podcast, host Tim Rutter speaks to Head of Public Affairs Tom Evans about the government policy areas that are still critical for the future sustainability of the UK steel industry.

In the half-hour episode, Tom talks about issues ranging from electricity prices to scrap markets, and import tariffs to the importance of specifying UK-made steel in government projects.

"We have set out our asks of government in a policy briefing document which helps in our conversations with ministers, MPs and government departments," said Tom.

"The steel sector is actually very well supported compared to others: we have had £500m towards decarbonising our steelmaking, there is an additional £2.5 billion Green Steel Fund for the industry, and the government has committed to a steel-specific strategy and set up a steel council.

"Our challenge in the coming years is to ensure that these commitments result in policies that support our ambitions for a green steel future."

- Listen to the latest podcast, and catch up on previous episodes, by scanning one of the QR codes.



Tim Rutter and Tom Evans on the latest edition of SteelCast



Securing our Green Steel

Landmark moments on the road to building an Electric Arc Furnace

On **18 February 2025** Neath Port Talbot Council's Planning Committee met and approved Tata Steel UK's proposals to deliver state-of-the-art Electric Arc Furnace steelmaking at its Port Talbot steelworks.

On **11 February 2025** Neath Port Talbot's Planning Case Officer published a report containing a recommendation to approve Tata Steel's planning application, which sought approval to construct the EAF facility at its Port Talbot steelworks.

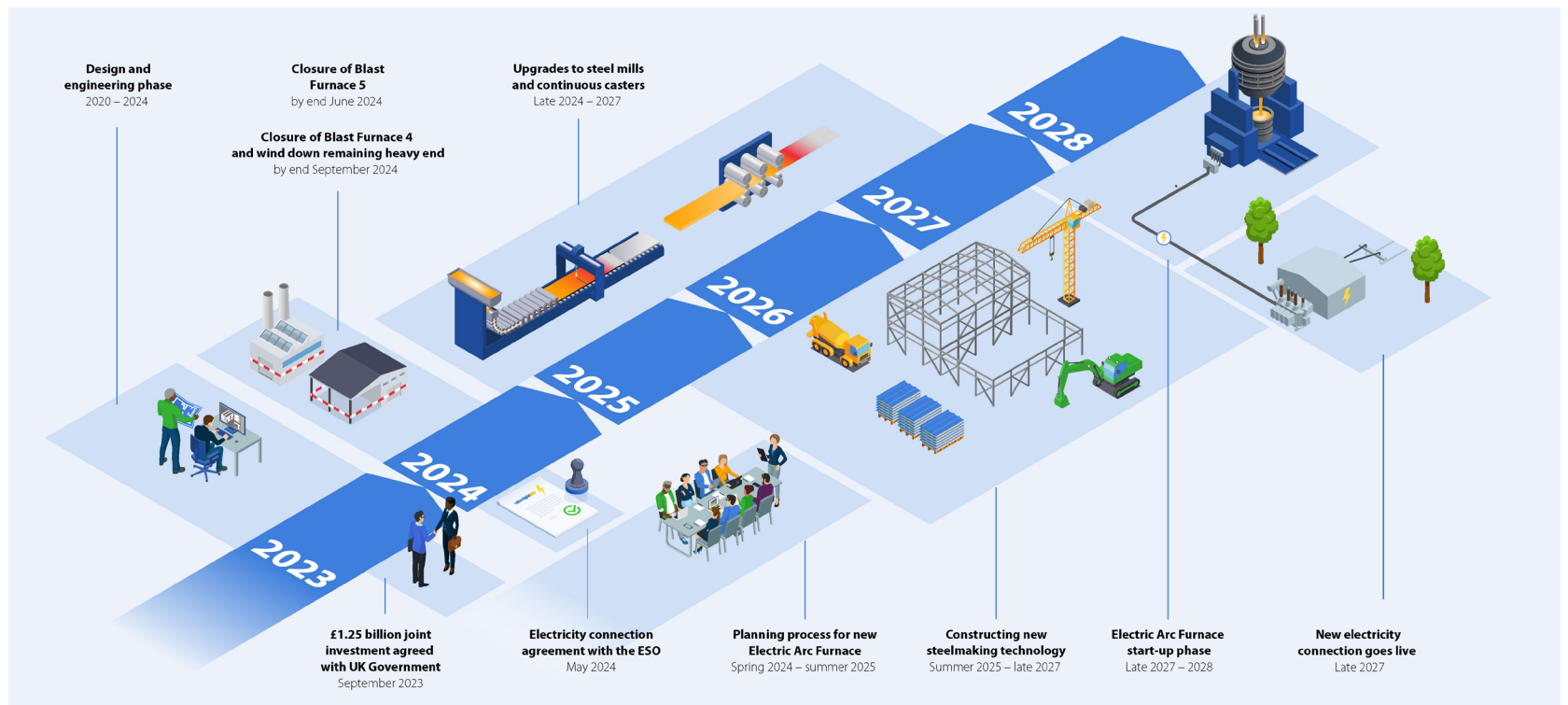
In **January 2025** a number of EAF contractor appointments were announced. Sir Robert McAlpine appointed main works contractor. Skanska will deliver civils & structural design and project management services. [supporting image]

On **7 November 2024** Tata Steel submitted its planning application to Neath Port Talbot Council for state-of-the-art Electric Arc Furnace-based steelmaking at its Port Talbot steelworks.

On **18 October 2024** the company signed a contract with Tenova to deliver a state-of-the-art electric arc furnace and additional advanced steelmaking equipment. [supporting image]

In **September 2024** the company reached two significant milestones - the signing of the Grant Funding Agreement (GFA) with the UK Government and the safe

Key milestones in the transformation of Port Talbot steelmaking



closure of heavy end operations.

In **April 2024** the Company announced it had made the decision to proceed with its £1.25 billion investment to build a state-of-the-art Electric Arc Furnace (EAF) in Port Talbot, the restructuring of the UK business, and commence the closure of the existing heavy end assets by

September 2024.

In **January 2024** the company announced its proposal to restructure and transform Tata Steel UK and its intention to commence a statutory consultation process.

In **September 2023** Tata Steel and the UK Government agreed

a proposal for a decarbonisation pathway for Tata Steel UK and an investment of £1.25 billion in state-of-the-art Electric Arc Furnace (EAF) steelmaking at our Port Talbot site. Marking the start of Tata Steel UK's decarbonisation journey and a fundamental transformation of our existing business.

We are currently undertaking one of the most significant industrial transformations in UK steelmaking in a generation

Rajesh Nair
Chief Executive Officer



Above: CEO Rajesh Nair during the public consultation and (below) Paolo Argenta, Executive Vice-President Tenova Upstream Business Unit, and Rajesh Nair, Chief Executive Officer, Tata Steel UK, during the contract signing



EAF project milestones

Consultation – A two-stage public consultation was held to make sure our communities (including our employees) had the opportunity to understand the proposals and provide feedback on the planning application. The initial public consultation took place in August 2024 and the statutory Pre-Application Consultation (PAC) started in September 2024 and ran for a 28-day period.

Application – Tata Steel UK submitted its planning application to Neath Port Talbot Council on 7 November 2024. On 18 February 2025 the council approved the proposal to build an Electric Arc Furnace at the Port Talbot site.

Construction – Tata Steel has already started to place equipment orders for the Electric Arc Furnace. Construction will begin in summer 2025 and the new furnace to be ready for operation by late 2027.

Operation – The agreement involves National Grid building new electrical infrastructure capable of powering the 3.2 million tonne Electric Arc Furnace by the end of 2027.



An operational electric arc furnace, similar to the one that will be built in Port Talbot

future

“ It is important to provide full visibility of the roadmap that will deliver the largest Capex project seen in Tata Steel UK. In essence we are future proofing our business and we want people to engage in the process and to understand, to get involved in, and to support

Director of Strategic Projects
Shankar Marar



An artist's impression of how the EAF building will look once completed

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Electric arc furnace (EAF) steelmaking and the circular economy

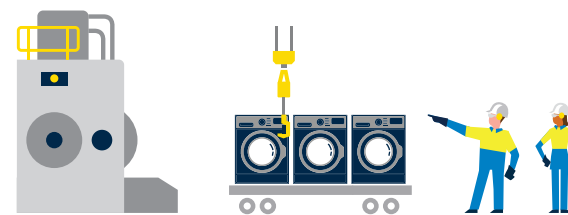
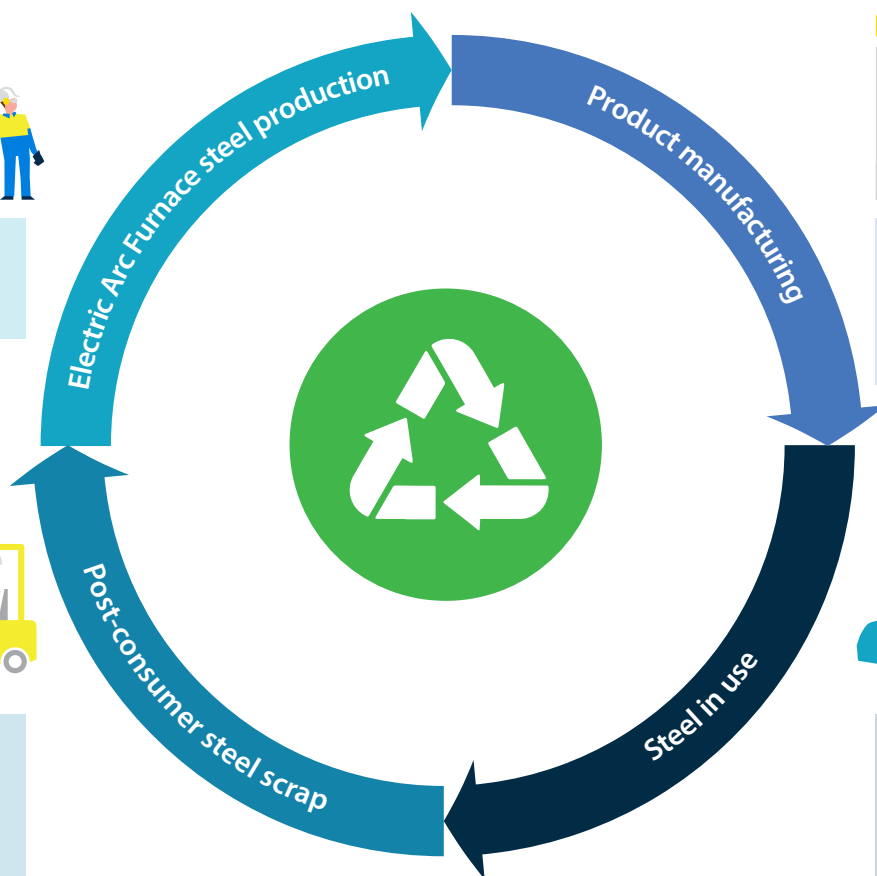


Through EAF steel production, new steel can be made with scrap steel. This significantly reduces energy use and the reliance on raw materials. Each item of recycled steel saves one and half times its weight in CO₂.



Steel's magnetic properties makes it easy to sort from waste, enabling high recovery rates and avoiding landfills. The UK has an abundance of steel scrap that can be used to make new steel. The sorting process also recovers other elements, such as copper, which can in turn contribute to circularity in their own supply chains.

To enhance durability, steel is often coated in zinc. The EAF is not only excellent at recycling steel, but also very efficient in recovering zinc which is then returned to its own circular supply chain.



Once produced, recycled steel is readily used for cars, buildings, domestic appliances and thousands of other applications. Following production, leftover steel scrap can be used to make more new steel. Each tonne of steel recycled saves over twice its weight in raw materials.



Steel is 100% recyclable, can be reused infinitely and will play a critical role at the heart of a future sustainable green economy.

Steel is vital in modern modular construction methods facilitating the reuse of components and Tata Steel UK is already playing a leading role in this area with many more solutions in development.



“ We are already moving at pace. There has been an enormous amount of preparatory work undertaken to get us to this point and I would like to acknowledge the efforts of all those involved

Rajesh Nair, Chief Executive Officer

Left: More EAF contractors coming on board ... Darren Wines, from Skanska, with Dave Murray, Tata Steel UK's Head of Project Engineering

Right: An artist's impression of the new electric arc furnace



Trade body visits Port Talbot



TRA Chair Nick Baird, Michelle Cupples, and Katherine Newton-McGee visit TSUK's Hot Mill, with Works Manager Gareth Griffiths

In February, Tata Steel UK welcomed the Trade Remedies Authority (TRA) to its Port Talbot site, offering an opportunity for the business to engage with the TRA's key stakeholders and provide an update on the decarbonisation project and key milestones.

The TRA exists to defend the UK against unfair international trade practices. It investigates whether new trade remedies are needed to prevent injury to UK industries caused by unfair trading practices and make recommendations on appropriate measures to defend UK economic interests.

Tata Steel UK has worked with the TRA since it came into being, following the UK's exit from the European Union, and has worked closely with the body

on several trade investigations to date.

Speaking of the visit, Tata Steel UK's Head of International Trade and Compliance, Vlad Darahan, said: "It was great to welcome the TRA team – including its Chair Nick Baird – to Port Talbot. As one of the TRA's key external stakeholders, due to the volume at which steel is traded globally, we were keen to show them the site and to discuss how we best feel that the steel industry can be protected from unfair trade practices following the cessation of the 2026 safeguards.

"In what continues to be an extremely volatile world in terms of trade, stakeholders such as the TRA can play a vital role in protecting the interests of the UK's domestic steel producers, ensuring a level playing field and competitiveness."

Here's to the unsung heroes

Taking place at The Orangery, Margam Park, on Friday 4 April, the third annual Mayor of Neath Port Talbot Citizen Awards are on the way.

The awards will once again recognise unsung heroes from across Neath Port Talbot who make a real difference to the community.

Tata Steel UK is proud to be joint sponsoring the awards this year, as well as sponsoring the Contribution to Charity category.

Speaking of the sponsorship, Public Affairs and Community Manager Lewis Clark said: "We are pleased to once again be a main sponsor of the awards, which are a chance to shine



a spotlight on the very best of our local community. As Tata Steel UK undergoes its biggest transformation in decades – through the £1.25bn investment in an electric arc furnace at Port Talbot – we remain committed to the local area and are honoured once again to help recognise the remarkable achievements of individuals and organisations from across Neath Port Talbot."

Crossword and Sudoku solutions

Across: 1 Kebab; 7 Leather; 9 Byronic; 10 Addicts; 11 Slate; 12 Recondite; 16 Disregard; 21 Erode; 22 Recluse; 24 Offbeat; 25 Capital; 26 Nitre. Down: 1 Kibosh; 2 Barracks; 3 Banter; 4 Alcaic; 5 Chic; 6 Crusoe; 8 Auden; 13 Erg; 14 Oar; 15 Innocent; 16 Direct; 17 Erupt; 18 Age-old; 19 Deafen; 20 Gentle; 23 Cape.

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Puzzle solutions

'Devastating' steel tariffs are cause for concern

Last month, President Donald Trump's announcement of a 25% tariff on steel and aluminium imports into the US sent shockwaves through the steel industry, prompting an immediate response from industry and the UK government.

Describing the move as "a devastating blow to our industry", UK Steel called on the UK government to act decisively.

Tom Evans, Tata Steel UK Head of Public Affairs, said: "President Trump's decision to impose tariffs on steel and aluminium imports into the US is deeply concerning for our industry. These tariffs have the potential to disrupt established trade flows and create further uncertainty.

"We urge all stakeholders to engage in constructive dialogue and work towards a mutually beneficial resolution that supports a level playing field on trade and addresses the ongoing issue of global steel overcapacity."

The imposition of tariffs by the US ignited a sense of urgency within the UK steel industry, with the UK government publishing a Steel Strategy over the weekend.

Following the announcement, Tata Steel met with Industry Minister Sarah Jones and Secretary of State Jonathan Reynolds, along with UK Steel members and unions, to



discuss next steps. There was a consensus that bold action will be required on trade protections for the industry.

While it remains to be seen exactly what steps the UK government will take, February saw Secretary of State for Business and Trade, Jonathan Reynolds, launch a consultation on the government's Plan for Steel.

The plan, which reaffirms this government's £2.5 billion commitment to the UK steel industry, will seek to address the key policy issues, including trade, energy costs and carbon leakage.



Support available via the Transition Board

The Port Talbot Transition Board continues to offer support – in the form of grant funding – to Tata Steel UK suppliers and individuals impacted by the ongoing restructuring programme and decarbonisation project. Tata Steel UK encourages anyone potentially impacted to engage with the services below and ensure they take advantage of the funding on offer.

Tata Transition Supply Chain Grant

Non-repayable grant funding of between £2,500 and £300,000 is available to support supply chain businesses and other contractors throughout Wales affected by Tata Steel's transition to greener steelmaking.

Employment and Skills Fund

Non-repayable grants up to £10,000 are available to help Tata Steel UK employees and those employed in the supply chain to support with the cost of retraining, skills development, travel to interview, safety clothing and other equipment, accreditation, qualifications, professional certificates, and licences which will lead to a meaningful new career.

Business Start-Up Fund

Non-repayable grants up to £10,000 will shortly become available to support individuals in the Tata Steel UK supply chain and Tata Steel UK



Secretary of State for Wales Jo Stevens

employees that want to start their own business or become self-employed.

Business Resilience Fund

Non-repayable grants of between £2,500 and £50,000 will shortly become available to provide short-term working capital to support cash flow issues, marketing, training and other support on a case-by-case basis.

Business Growth Fund

Capital and revenue non-repayable grant assistance to help businesses based in Neath Port Talbot County Borough take advantage of growth, investment and diversification opportunities, expand and create new jobs. Grants of between £25,000 and £300,000 are available and can

be used to fund the cost of plant and machinery, commercial property, IT infrastructure, developing new products and processes, and other support on a case-by-case basis.



Harbour handover marks another major milestone

In a special event attended by Tata Steel UK CEO Rajesh Nair, members of the decommissioning team have signed over the harbour, burdening yards and Sinter Plant to the keep safe team, marking the conclusion of the decommissioning phase of harbour operations.

Rajesh said: "This is a significant milestone. We've been talking about it for quite some time, the first thing being the cessation of activities and then the preparatory work, the planning, and then the professionalism and the diligence which the teams have been putting in to make sure that we do a very safe and professional job."

Around 500,000 pages of material have been generated during the cessation work, covering everything from shutting down services such as power and water to looking at possible environmental impacts.

Rajesh added: "This is all the dos and don'ts – all the hazards. I was blown away by all of this documentation and the way it's been done – it's like a masterclass in how to wind down assets and keep them safe before



CEO Rajesh Nair joins members of the Decommissioning Team and the Keep Safe team for a milestone handover event

finding new opportunities in their place."

Dean Cartwright, Technical Director Coke, Sinter and Iron, said: "The last ship came into the harbour back in September. Since then, the team has been busy getting ready for this milestone moment where the assets

can be handed over safely."

Maintaining the safety of the assets going forward will be Works Engineer Decommissioning and Regeneration Kevin James and his team.

He said: "The team has done a great job in decommissioning the plant, removing all the hazards, essentially

making the plant safe. We will now maintain that safe state with areas being fenced off and controlling access. We will then be looking to maintain the assets through the final phases of their life and investigating all potential recycling opportunities in the years ahead."

Rajesh Nair

View from the top

An important month for Tata Steel UK

February was an incredibly important month for our business. You will have seen the front-page news story confirming that Neath Port Talbot Council's Planning Committee approved our application to build the new electric arc furnace (EAF). We must now deliver and bring our transformation to life.

A great many people have worked hard to get us to this point, and I want to thank them all for their commitment in getting us past this major milestone in our project to deliver green steel production in South Wales.

The imposition of tariffs by the US has ignited a sense of urgency within the UK steel industry, with the UK government publishing a Steel Strategy last month.

The Plan for Steel consultation, which reaffirms this government's £2.5 billion commitment to the UK steel industry, will seek to address the key policy issues, including trade, energy costs and carbon leakage.

Meanwhile, we have also been celebrating the hard work and dedication of the decommissioning teams, who last week made the first formal handover to the keep safe team of our Harbour, Burdening and Sinter Plant operations.

I was fortunate enough to attend this event and hear from the teams about the vast amount of work that has gone into ensuring the cessation work and handover was carried out safely and successfully. More areas within the former heavy end will be handed over shortly.

As we look ahead, I want to assure our readers of Tata Steel UK's commitment to our decarbonisation project, which I'm confident will bring significant economic, environmental and social benefits to the local area. You will see further developments over the coming weeks and months, and we remain on track to begin construction work in the summer.

The community continues to remain at the heart of everything we do – and I am determined that we all share in the benefits of continued steelmaking in Port Talbot for generations to come.

'EAF signals exciting time ahead', says MP

Tata Steel UK's Port Talbot site is undergoing a remarkable transformation, paving the way for a greener, more sustainable future.

During a recent visit, Mims Davies, the Shadow Secretary of State for Wales, shared her insights on the evolving landscape of steelmaking and the crucial role it plays in the local economy.

Having lived in Swansea and frequently visited family and friends in the area, Mims had always been aware of the significance of Port Talbot's steelworks.

However, witnessing the site's ongoing transition first-hand left a lasting impression. She highlighted

the importance of the changes taking place, particularly the shift towards decarbonisation and the introduction of a new electric arc furnace.

"What we've got ahead of us is an exciting time for Port Talbot and the community that supports these brilliant jobs," she said.

The move to electric arc technology represents a commitment to a more sustainable and energy-efficient steel production process. As the transition begins, the landscape of steelmaking is set to change, ensuring long-term opportunities for future generations.

Mims also acknowledged the broader challenges facing the steel industry, including high electricity costs and

the need for a supportive policy environment from both the Welsh and UK governments. She reaffirmed her dedication to collaborating with policymakers to ensure the continued success of steel production in the region.

"My job is to work with you, work with the government – whichever end of the M4 is making those policies – to help make sure that steelmaking, and its future here with the new electric arc furnace, is ready to go."

As Tata Steel UK progresses with its decarbonisation strategy, the vision is clear: a sustainable, modern steel industry that supports both the economy and the environment.



Shadow Secretary of State for Wales during her visit to Port Talbot

Tata Steel UK improves its community offering

As part of Tata Steel UK's commitment to improving its offer to the local community, the business is making a key change to how it handles environmental complaints and interactions.

From April 2025, after listening to feedback, the Environment Team will manage all community interactions directly, creating a more streamlined experience for users.

To enhance the service further, the business has revamped its complaint form. Members of the community can now request a callback from a specific site via the final question on the digital form. This will ensure that individuals speak with a Tata Steel UK

representative familiar with the local context and their needs.

Benefits of this change will include:

Improved response times: Handling community interactions directly will reduce the time it takes to address and resolve complaints.

Personalised service: The new complaint form feature allows individuals to request callbacks from specific sites, providing a more tailored experience.

Enhanced customer satisfaction: Direct communication and personalised service are expected to improve user experience and

continuously improve services.

Speaking of the changes, Nathan Ace, Head of Environment, said: "Tata Steel UK remains committed to listening to members of the community and improving their experience in engaging with the business. I am pleased that we have been able to update our processes in line with your feedback and I hope you will see the benefit in your interactions with us going forward."

"We are always looking to improve our engagement and services with those in the local communities surrounding our sites, and I would encourage members of the public to



contact the Environment Team using the QR code above with any queries."



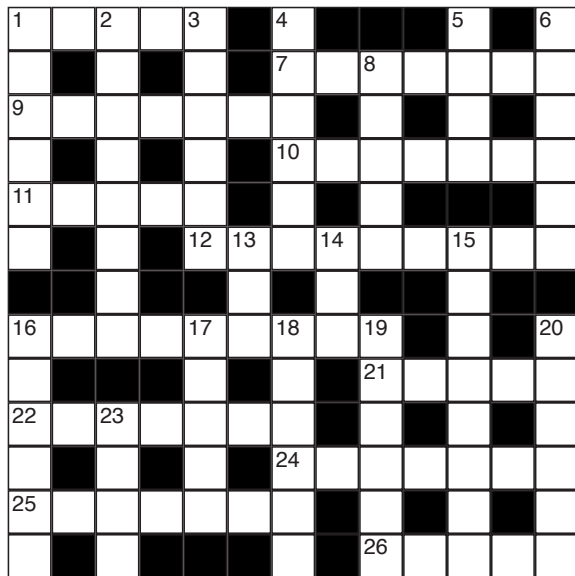
Rajesh

Rajesh Nair
Chief Executive Officer



Brilliant Burton ... Thousands of runners hit the streets for another record-breaking event

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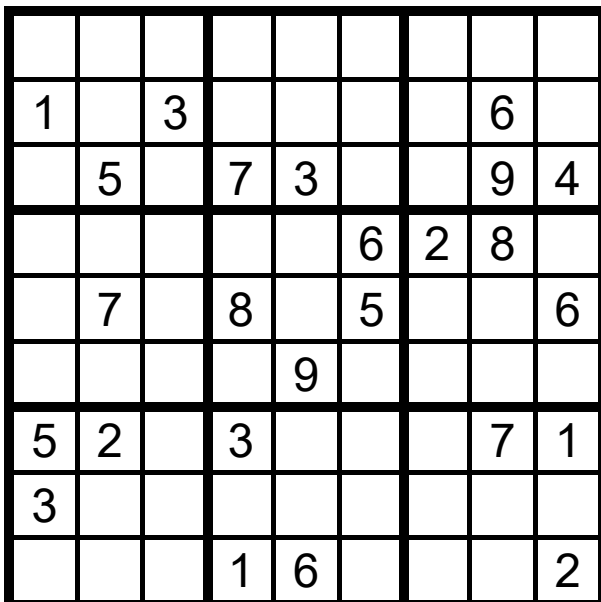
ACROSS

- 1 Meat etc on skewer (5)
- 7 Tanned hide (7)
- 9 In style of romantic English poet (7)
- 10 Constant drug users (7)
- 11 Grey rock easily split (5)
- 12 Obscure: abstruse (9)
- 16 Ignore (9)
- 21 Destroy bit by bit (5)
- 22 Hermit (7)
- 24 Unusual: wacky (7)
- 25 Large letter: principal city (7)
- 26 Potassium nitrate (5)

DOWN

- 1 Nonsense: hob ski (anag) (6)
- 2 Army buildings (8)
- 3 Good-humoured teasing (6)
- 4 Old verse rhythm: CIA Cal (anag) (6)
- 5 Stylish elegance (4)
- 6 Island castaway (5)
- 8 English poet (5)
- 13 Unit of energy (3)
- 14 Pole with blade (3)
- 15 Not guilty (8)
- 16 Straightforward (6)
- 17 Spew out lava etc (5)
- 18 Having existed a long time (3-3)
- 19 Deprive of hearing (6)
- 20 Meek and mild (6)
- 23 Sleeveless cloak (4)

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Famous race on the road again

A packed crowd greeted more than 3,000 runners, as the Richard Burton 10K and Kevin Webber Mini-Miler hit the streets of Cwmafan and Pontrhydyfen on 3 November. The race – which marked its 42nd anniversary in 2024 – saw around 2,500 finishers in the 10K and more than 600 children in the Mini-miler, making this the biggest year to date.



Raising over £60,000 for local charities and good causes, the Richard Burton 10K continues to break its own records and has a long-lasting and positive impact on the local Port Talbot community.

Race Director Shaun Tobin said: "2024 marked another fantastic event, with record numbers of runners and money raised. A massive thank you to all of our runners, supporters and race volunteers. A particular

thanks goes to Tata Steel UK and Runtech for once again sponsoring the day. "As always, every penny raised from the event will go back into the community and to local charities, and we look forward to the presentation evening in the new year.

"I am incredibly proud of this event and the difference it makes. We're already looking towards the 2025 race, entries for which are now open, and continuing to make a difference locally." Tata Steel UK Public Affairs and Community Manager, Lewis Clark added: "The Richard Burton 10K remains one of the highlights of our community calendar. It was incredible to see the race once again breaking its own records and we're already looking forward to next year."

Return of the Wizards League

Sport has once again been a highlight of the Port Talbot school calendars, with the launch of the new season of the Tata Steel Wizards League in 2025.

Incorporating every school in Port Talbot and Briton Ferry, the Wizards League is a competitive league run by Aberavon RFC, involving classroom sessions focused on healthy eating and wellbeing, as well as rugby and netball skills session, culminating in the league games and a one-day tournament, the Tata Steel Cup, in March.

The league has been running since 2010, providing opportunities for more children to be involved in sport, with every team receiving free kit and access to resources.

Speaking of this year's league, Tata Steel Public Affairs and Community Manager Lewis Clark said: "As a business, we're proud to continue our relationship with Aberavon RFC and support this great initiative.

"The Tata Steel Wizards League provides huge opportunities for young people to participate in sport, removing some of the



Kick-off ... The Tata Steel UK Wizards League returns for 2025

barriers and making it accessible for all. We are confident that this year will be bigger and better."

Chris Davies, Commercial and Marketing Manager at Aberavon RFC, said: "We would like to say a big thank you to Tata Steel for once again partnering with us on the Wizards League scheme.

"The support from Tata Steel is invaluable, allowing us to provide every team with kit and resources for the league and skills sessions."

Keep an eye out on Tata Steel UK's social media channels for more information, fixtures and results of this year's league.

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