

Significant Air Quality Improvement in Claymont

Evrax Claymont Steel completes construction of \$16.75M pollution control system

CLAYMONT (March 11, 2013) – A celebration to recognize the commissioning of a new state-of-the-art air pollution control (APC) system at Evraz Claymont Steel was hosted by the facility today. On hand to participate in the ribbon cutting were Governor Jack Markell, Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control Secretary Collin O'Mara and Evraz North America President and CEO Mike Rehwinkel. Commonly referred to as a “baghouse,” the \$16.75 million APC system nearly doubles the Evraz Claymont facility's capacity to collect and filter emissions from the steelmaking process.

“This pollution control system (baghouse) will significantly improve air quality and represents a major commitment by EVRAZ to invest in Delaware and its future here,” said Governor Markell. “With this critical investment, EVRAZ will operate more cleanly and efficiently, and continue as a significant contributor to Delaware's economy, now in a more environmentally sensitive way.”

The commissioning of the baghouse project marks a major milestone in bringing the facility into full compliance with the Consent Decree between the state and Evraz. The remaining portion of the decree involves a battery of compliance tests that will be performed in accordance with the company's air permit. Once successful testing is completed, Evraz will notify the state that it has satisfied the consent decree requirements and request that DNREC retire or “sunset” the decree.

“Through these investments, Evraz is demonstrating that

Delaware will have both a strong manufacturing sector and a healthy environment,” said DNREC Secretary O’Mara. “The dramatic improvement in air quality in Claymont that will be achieved through this state-of-the-art baghouse would not have been possible without the unwavering dedication and engagement of leaders from Evraz, state and local government, and local community residents.”

The baghouse will capture emissions from the facility’s electric arc furnace, stir station and ladle reheat operations, forcing particulate matter through newly augmented filtration systems that work like vacuum cleaners and have a greater than 99 percent collection rate.

“Since we purchased the Claymont facility in 2008, Evraz has made significant upgrades to our operations,” said Evraz North America President and CEO Rehwinkel. “Those improvements have paid off in the preservation and creation of jobs, and the economic value we add to this community. We want our employees and neighbors to feel proud to be associated with Evraz, and to have confidence in our commitment to continuous improvement and environmental stewardship.”