

# Hydrogen Steelmaking

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# Midrex at a Glance

**World leader for direct reduction ironmaking technology and aftermarket solutions for the steel industry.**

At Midrex, our employees have decades worth of experience and are driven to create value every day. Our core values are the foundation of our company and essential to our success. And our corporate activities are conducted according to the highest ethical and professional standards.



**Charlotte, NC**

**Headquarters**  
+ 4 offices



**50 Years**

**Commercial**  
**operations**



**R&D**

**State-of-the-art**  
**R&D center**



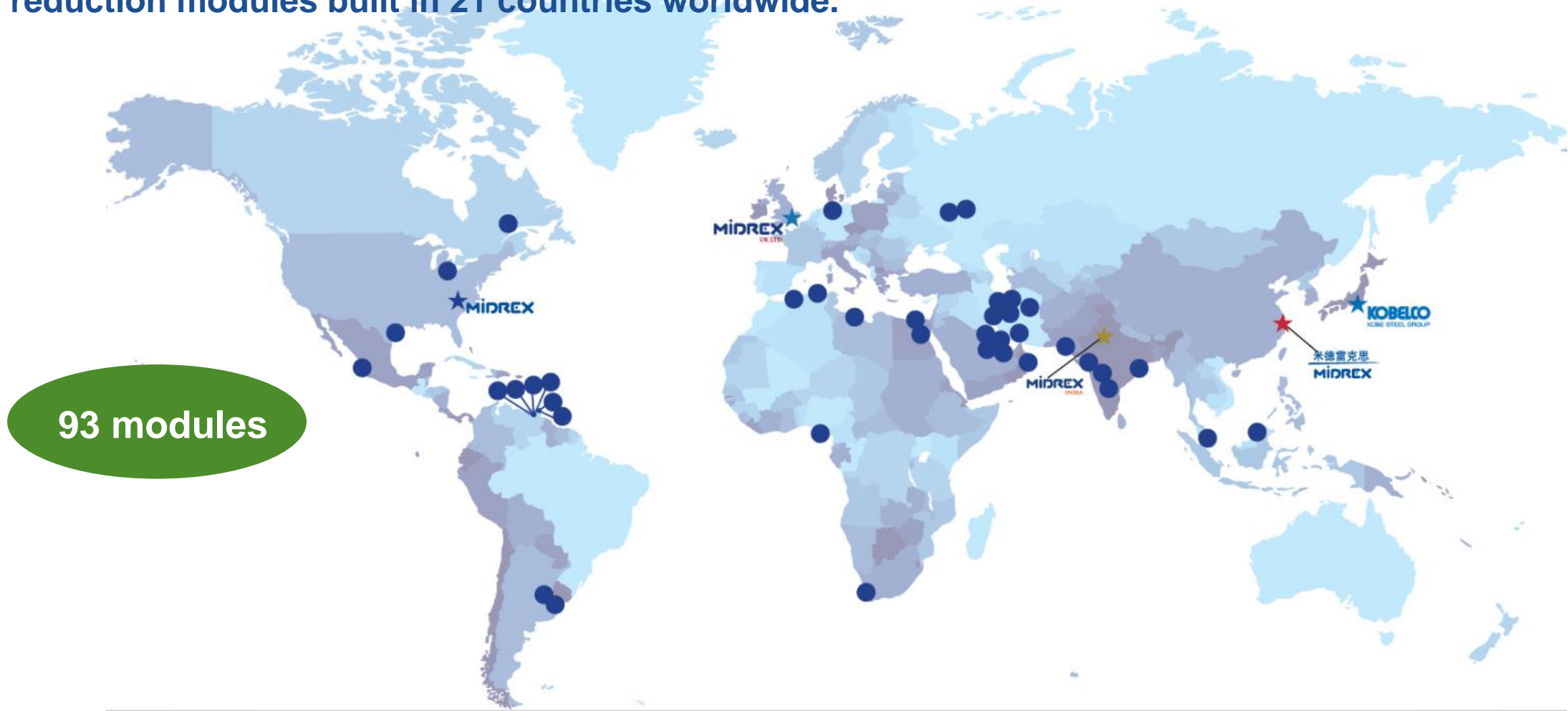
**90+**

**Modules around**  
**the world**



# Midrex around the world

Since 1969, there have been MIDREX® shaft furnace direct reduction modules built in 21 countries worldwide.



# Direct Reduced Iron (DRI)



Disclaimer: DRI is used as the generic name of CDRI, HDRI and HBI

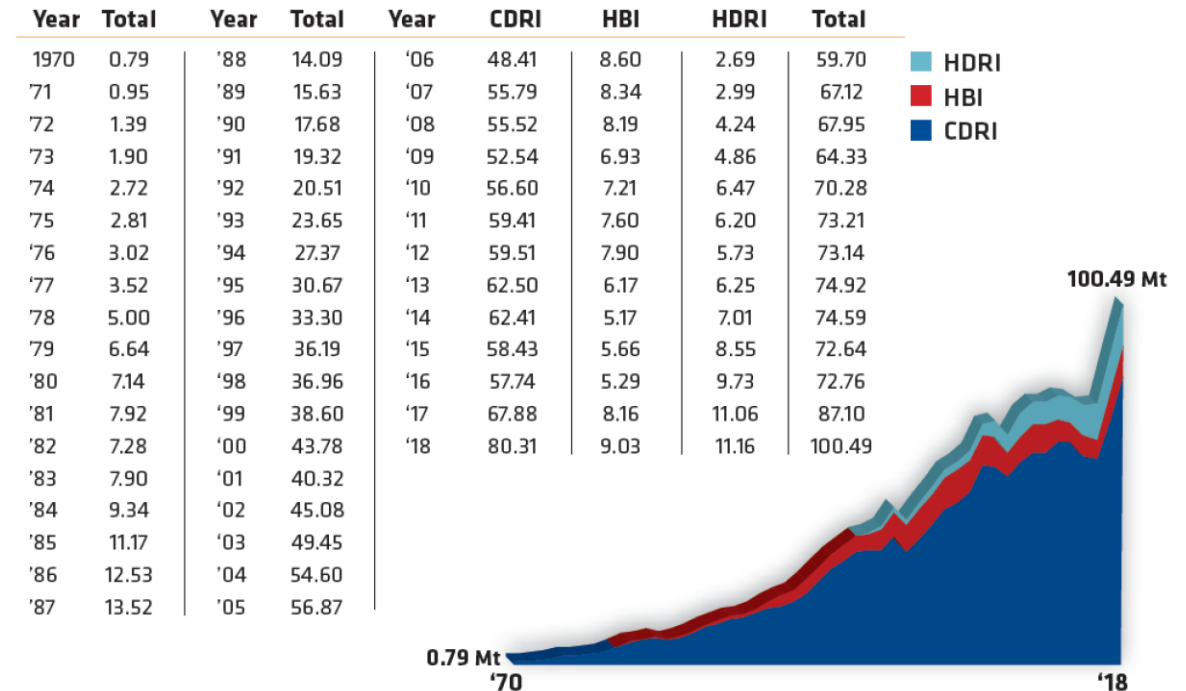


# DRI Production

- New plants and improved market conditions boosted world DRI production by nearly 20% in 2017, exceeding 87 million tons
- DRI now represents about 16% of worldwide EAF charge mix
- Top producing nations:
  1. India
  2. Iran
  3. Russia
  4. Mexico
  5. Saudi Arabia

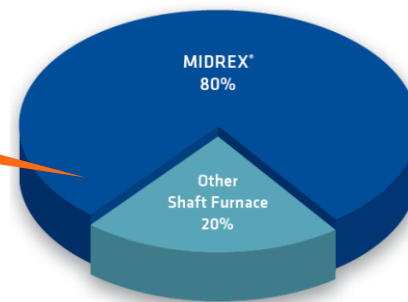
World DRI Production by Year (Mt)

Source: Midrex Technologies, Inc.



**MIDREX® Technology produced nearly 80% of shaft furnace DRI**

2018 World Shaft Furnace Production by Process



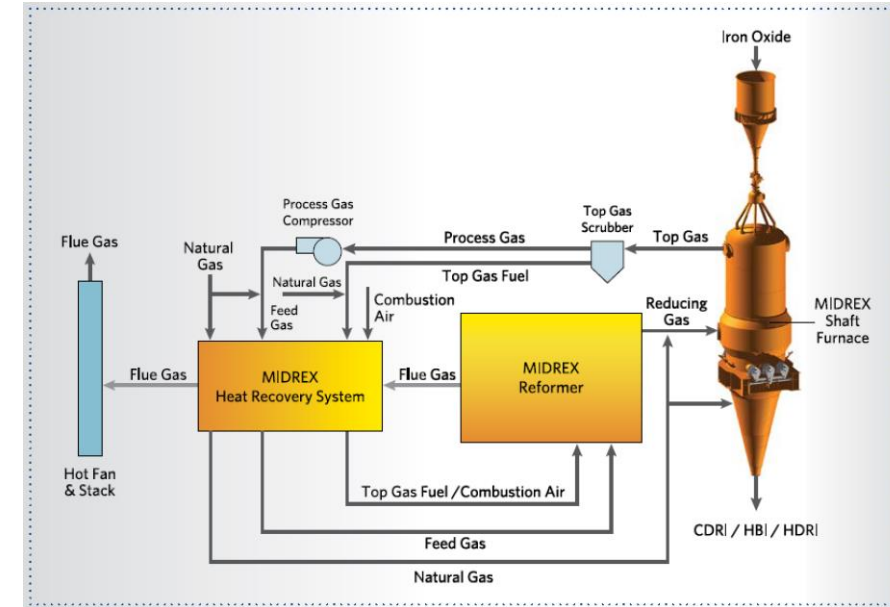
Total World Production: 100.5 Mt

	2016	2017	2018
MIDREX®	78.8%	79.0%	79.9%
Other Shaft Furnace	21.2%	21.0%	20.1%

Source: Midrex Technologies, Inc.

# MIDREX NG<sup>®</sup> process

- First plant built in 1969 – celebrating 50 years!
- Over one billion tons of iron produced by the MIDREX process
- Iron ore is reduced to metallic iron in the MIDREX Shaft Furnace by Hydrogen (H<sub>2</sub>) and Carbon monoxide (CO)
- The MIDREX Reformer generates the reducing gas from Natural Gas and the recycled CO<sub>2</sub> and H<sub>2</sub>O from the shaft furnace. The reducing gas composition is typically 55% H<sub>2</sub> and 36%CO (H<sub>2</sub>/CO ratio ~1.5)
- Midrex plant with other syngas can operate with H<sub>2</sub>/CO between 0.4 and 3.5
- Carbon is produced in the DRI by CH<sub>4</sub> and CO



Furnace Reactions	Heat	Description
$\text{Fe}_2\text{O}_3 + 3 \text{H}_2 \leftrightarrow 2 \text{Fe} + 3 \text{H}_2\text{O}$	Endothermic	Reduction by H <sub>2</sub>
$\text{Fe}_2\text{O}_3 + 3 \text{CO} \leftrightarrow 2 \text{Fe} + 3 \text{CO}_2$	Exothermic	Reduction by CO
$3 \text{Fe} + \text{CH}_4 \leftrightarrow \text{Fe}_3\text{C} + 2 \text{H}_2$	Endothermic	Carburization
$3 \text{Fe} + \text{CO} + \text{H}_2 \leftrightarrow \text{Fe}_3\text{C} + \text{H}_2\text{O}$	Exothermic	Carburization



# Cleveland-Cliffs

**Under Construction – Expected Startup: Q2 2020**

**Capacity:** 1.6 million tpy HBI

**Furnace Type:** MIDREX MEGAMOD®  
7.15 m Hot Discharge Furnace

**Reformer:** 18 Bays

**Products:** 100% HBI with flexible carbon

**Location:** Toledo, Ohio USA

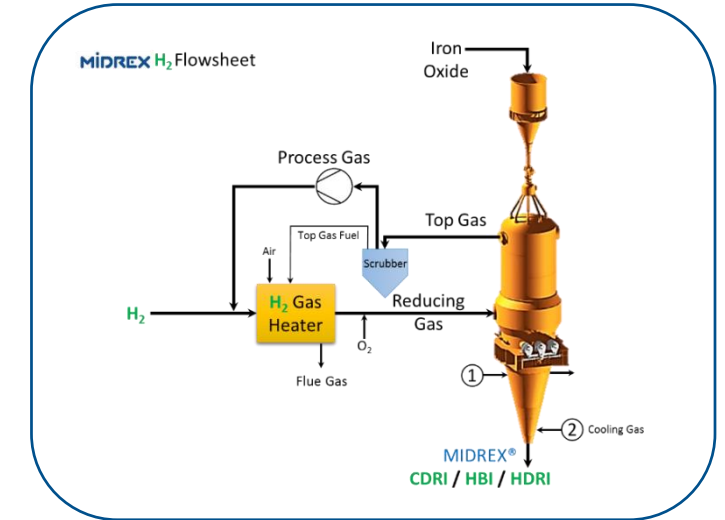
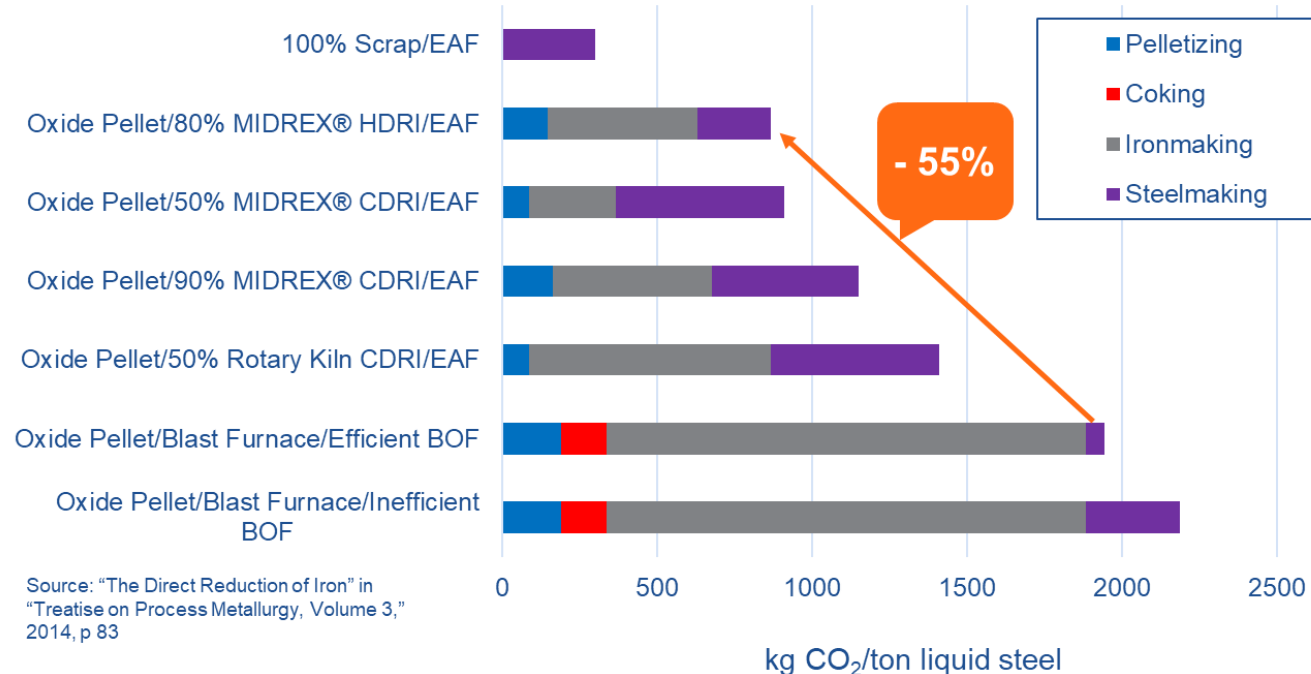
**Scope:** Proprietary Engineering, Key Process Equipment Supply, bulk material supply, Field Services, Training.

**Features:** 11" MA-1 Tubes, Lo-Nox Main Burners, 7 Briquette Machines Utilizing 2 Briquette Cooling Conveyors, flue gas hot fan, ACT™.



# Lowering CO<sub>2</sub> emissions

- DR + EAF heavily favored over BF + BOF
- CO<sub>2</sub> Emissions depend on DRI / scrap ratio
- Long-term solution is MIDREX H<sub>2</sub><sup>TM</sup> for hydrogen based ironmaking



ArcelorMittal commissions Midrex to design demonstration plant for hydrogen steel production in Hamburg

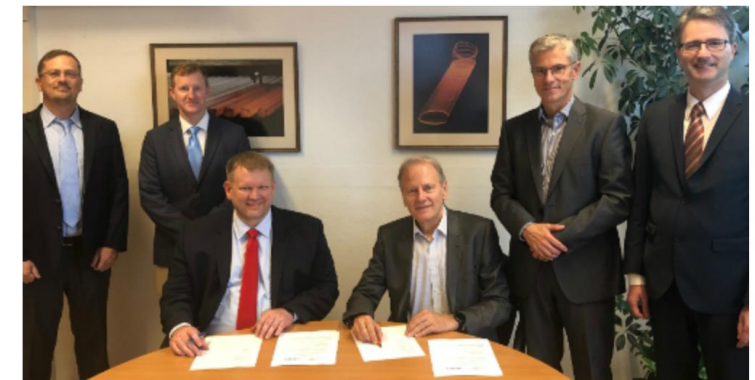


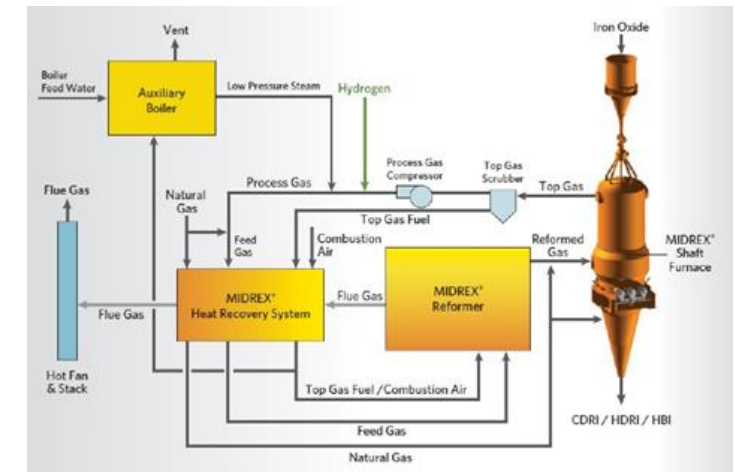
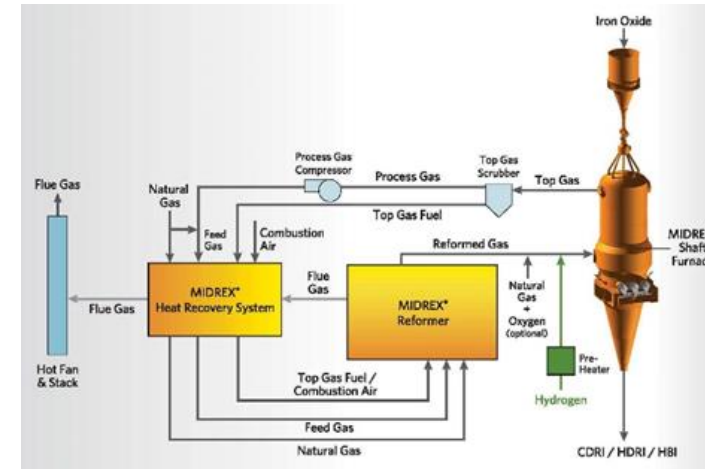
Photo: At the signing ceremony in Hamburg (from left to right): Vincent Chevrier, Todd Astoria and KC Woody from Midrex with Dominique Vacher, Dr Uwe Braun and Matthias Schad from ArcelorMittal.



# MIDREX NG<sup>®</sup> with Hydrogen

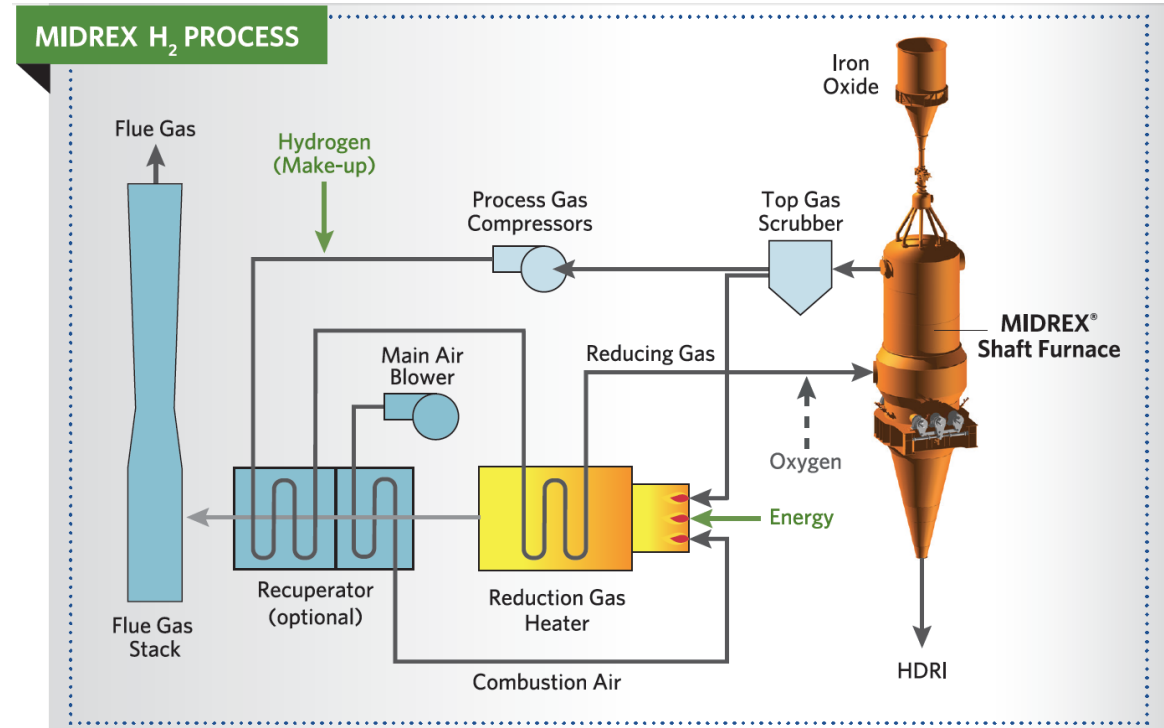
- Up to 30% of NG can be substituted by Hydrogen without changing the process.
- Hydrogen may need to be pre-heated depending on quantities added.
- Rough calculations for Cleveland-Cliffs: 1.6 MTPA (200 ton/h), up to 16,000Nm<sup>3</sup>/h of NG\* can be replaced by 48,000Nm<sup>3</sup>/h of H<sub>2</sub>
- Hydrogen can be increased in the process as it becomes available with minor equipment modifications.

\*Assumes net heating value 8800 kcal/Nm<sup>3</sup>



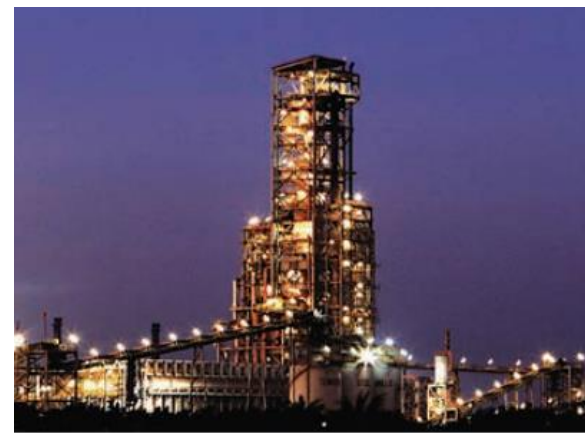
# MIDREX H<sub>2</sub><sup>®</sup>

- For 1.4% carbon in DRI, the bustle gas composition is ~90% hydrogen, balance CO, CO<sub>2</sub>, H<sub>2</sub>O and CH<sub>4</sub>
- 100% hydrogen is possible: carbon in DRI needs to be optimized with the meltshop
- Hydrogen consumption is approx. 650 Nm<sup>3</sup>/t DRI (54kg/t).
- For a MIDREX<sup>®</sup> plant the size of Cleveland-Cliffs, that's approx. 130,000Nm<sup>3</sup>/h of H<sub>2</sub>
- ~650MW per MIDREX<sup>®</sup> plant (at 200Nm<sup>3</sup>/h of H<sub>2</sub> per 1MW).
- Needs >30 of the largest PEM Electrolyzer recently ordered (20MW)



# Conclusions

- MIDREX NG® is a proven technology for industrial production of iron, using “fossil” hydrogen at scale. The process can reduce CO<sub>2</sub> emissions by 50%-80% over traditional BF-BOF.
- Direct reduction can be a bridge technology for ironmaking as Hydrogen becomes available at scale
- New plants can be built or existing plants can be converted to 100% H<sub>2</sub> as the Hydrogen economy evolves
- Green hydrogen production volumes need to increase by 30x – 100x to supply one MIDREX® plant
- Scale up to demonstration plant will be needed at ArcelorMittal Hamburg
- Hydrogen production costs must be competitive: steelmaking is a very competitive business with small margins



A blue-tinted photograph of an industrial site. In the foreground, a worker is seen from behind, wearing a blue hard hat and a blue high-visibility vest with the word 'MIDREX' printed on the back. The worker is standing in front of a large, complex industrial structure, possibly a distillation column or refinery tower. The background shows more industrial equipment and a hazy sky.

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**Thank you**