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Interview with Wilbur Ross, ISG Founder

Speaker key

IV Interviewer
WR Wilbur Ross

Time-code	Speaker	Speech
10:00:00	IV	We're here with Wilbur Ross, an independent director on the board of directors for Mittal Steel. You had worked extremely hard to put ISG together. Why did you decide to sell to Mittal Steel?
10:00:11	WR	Why? The answer is very simple – sustainability and value creation. The steel industry, historically, has not been able to accomplish either very effectively but Mittal's programme and what Mittal had already achieved clearly was designed to accomplish and we felt would accomplish those objectives.
10:00:32	IV	How do you think the transaction benefited ISG shareholders and do you think Arcelor shareholders will reap the same benefits?
10:00:39	WR	Well, it had always been our purpose to create a truly global steel company but when we analysed the portfolio that Mittal had put together we quickly realised that it would be very difficult to gain proper positions in the dozen or so markets where Mittal is the largest and/or lowest cost producer and that even if we could we'd have to pay many times the price that Mittal had paid and, therefore, we would never be truly cost competitive with them. So, clearly, this was the best way to implement the long-term strategy that we had already had and to benefit immediately from that strategy.
10:01:21	IV	Do you think this was the right decision for your company and the employees of ISG?
10:01:26	WR	Well, Mittal is a unique company within the steel industry. It has a portfolio that's balanced between participation in the high quality developed markets and the rapidly growing developing markets. It also has a very strong financial condition, very good cash flow and excellent prospects for both organic growth and acquisitions in the future. And, most importantly, it has an impeccable record of achieving the synergies that it forecast for its acquisitions, including the acquisition it made of ISG.
10:02:05	IV	You are still a major shareholder in Mittal Steel. What has encouraged you to keep your holdings and not to cash in?
10:02:12	WR	Well, I haven't sold a single share since the deal closed. Mittal Steel is a unique company, has a unique vision of the future and a unique ability to implement it. Ten years ago Lakshmi Mittal was saying the industry needed to consolidate and he was right but nobody listened. Five years ago he began really seizing the opportunities in the emerging markets and, again, nobody else was there doing it. Now everybody agrees consolidation is not only necessary but is highly desirable and everybody also agrees they have to be in the emerging markets. Mittal has not hesitated one bit to honour every single commitment that they made both to me, to the management and, most importantly, to the United Steelworkers of America.

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