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Proposal for the Implementation of an Integrated Computational Model

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Executive Summary:

In response to the complexities of global steel market dynamics, supply chain intricacies, and stringent environmental regulations, this proposal outlines an advanced Integrated Computational Model (ICM). This comprehensive system leverages sophisticated numerical and quantitative methodologies to significantly enhance ArcelorMittal's operational efficiency, market forecasting accuracy, risk management capabilities, asset reliability, and sustainability performance.

Detailed System Features:

1. Integrated Supply Chain Optimization

- Advanced MILP/MINLP techniques dynamically optimize production schedules in real-time, effectively responding to fluctuating demands and resource availability, significantly reducing operational inefficiencies.
- Stochastic models analyze procurement scenarios, managing raw material price volatility (iron ore, coal, scrap steel), leading to optimized inventory levels and lower overall procurement costs.
- Multimodal logistics models enhance transport planning (rail, maritime, road), minimizing costs and

substantially reducing carbon emissions across the entire supply chain.

2. Demand and Price Forecasting Models

- Cutting-edge forecasting algorithms (Prophet, LSTM, Transformers) generate highly accurate short and long-term forecasts of steel market demand, price fluctuations, and emerging market trends.
- Predictive analytics leveraging machine learning algorithms (Random Forest, XGBoost, Gradient Boosting) incorporate macroeconomic indicators, enabling strategic alignment of production with market conditions.
- Econometric models such as BSTS and VAR precisely quantify interdependencies among global commodities, empowering informed strategic pricing and market positioning decisions.

3. Risk Management and Hedging Strategies

- Monte Carlo simulations rigorously quantify financial exposure to commodities, foreign exchange fluctuations, and market volatility, offering robust VaR and CVaR analyses for comprehensive risk assessments.
- Real options valuation models rigorously evaluate strategic investment opportunities (CAPEX, mergers, acquisitions), providing flexibility and informed decision-making under significant uncertainty.

4. Operational Efficiency and Predictive Maintenance

- Predictive maintenance strategies employing deep-learning algorithms (Autoencoders, GANs) analyze IoT data, substantially reducing equipment downtime through early anomaly detection and optimized maintenance scheduling.
- Reliability-Centered Maintenance systematically prioritizes asset maintenance through precise failure analysis, significantly enhancing equipment reliability, reducing lifecycle costs, and prolonging asset lifespan.

5. Energy and Environmental Optimization

- Energy optimization models utilizing quadratic programming and evolutionary algorithms (NSGA-II, MOEA) strategically balance energy efficiency, CO_2 emissions, and productivity, aligning operations with sustainability goals.
- Advanced carbon management models forecast and optimize carbon credit utilization and emissions trading strategies, effectively ensuring compliance with environmental standards and

enhancing corporate sustainability.

Technological Infrastructure

- Unified cloud-based data lakes (AWS, Azure, GCP) integrate real-time data streams from ERP systems (SAP), IoT sensors, and market feeds, providing comprehensive and timely data for critical decision-making.
- High-Performance Computing (HPC) clusters combined with scalable cloud solutions efficiently execute computationally intensive analyses, facilitating rapid and precise strategic insights.
- Interactive visualization dashboards (Power BI, Tableau) customized for executive and operational use provide intuitive, real-time analytics and reporting capabilities, streamlining decision-making across all organizational levels.

Conclusion:

The implementation of this Integrated Computational Model positions ArcelorMittal at the forefront of technological innovation and operational excellence within the steel industry. Leveraging advanced computational methodologies will ensure sustained improvements in efficiency, profitability, and sustainability.