

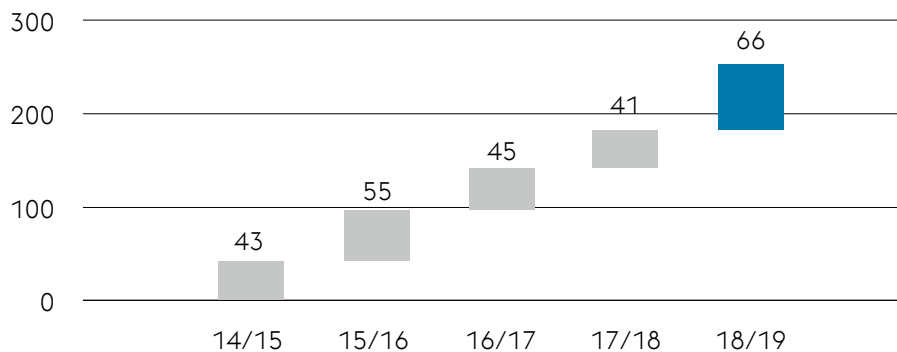
## 11.3 ENVIRONMENTAL INVESTMENTS

Group-wide, some EUR 400 million were spent in the past ten years on investment projects having a clearly allocable environmental impact.

New environmentally relevant investments rose from EUR 40.7 million in the business year 2017/18 to EUR 66.2 million in the business year 2018/19. This increase stems mainly from two major projects in the Steel Division and the High Performance Metals Division, respectively.

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Cumulative, in millions of euros



In the **Steel Division**, Blast Furnace A (the Group's largest individual blast furnace) at the Linz, Austria, site saw a complete overhaul. More efficient filter systems were introduced and extensive supplementary steps were taken to ensure blast furnace gas cleaning and dedusting. The rehabilitation work on the areal of the division's Linz-based coking plant that has

been contaminated since World War II has been ongoing since 2011. The work to remove highly contaminated areas in the eastern portion of the areal by way of so-called hot spot excavation continued in the business year 2018/19. Additional investments were made at the Corpus Christi plant in the United States to suppress dust emissions.