STEEL DIVISION

QUARTERLY DEVELOPMENT OF THE STEEL DIVISION

In millions of euros	Q 1 2025/26 04/01–06/30/2025	Q 1 2026/27 04/01–06/30/2026	Change in %
Revenue	1,493.8	1,530.5	2.5
EBITDA	189.8	218.4	15.1
EBITDA margin	12.7%	14.3%	
EBIT	126.1	153.1	21.4
EBIT margin	8.4%	10.0%	
Employees (full-time equivalent), end of period	10,586	10,753	1.6

BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT

Despite challenging market conditions, the Steel Division posted stable and generally positive performance in the first quarter of the 2026/27 business year. This was primarily due to the division's continued, consistent focus on high-quality steel sheets for technologically demanding applications and its strong positioning in premium segments.

The European steel market continued to be characterized by high import volumes during the quarter under review. This was because traders—and, in some cases, customers—deliberately increased their inventories ahead of the entry into force of the new EU safeguard measures. With the expiration of the previous regulations on June 30, 2026, and the entry into force of the new safeguard measures on July 1, 2026—together with the Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism (CBAM)—a significantly more robust trade policy framework was established to protect the European steel industry. Against this backdrop, however, overall demand remained weak. In the first quarter of the business year, imports were brought forward to avoid tariffs; the resulting increase in inventory levels triggered a slight price correction. These effects are expected to be offset in the second half of the business year, which is why a clear upward price trend is anticipated.

The individual market segments performed as follows in the first quarter of 2026/27:

Demand for steel sheet in the **automotive industry** remained robust overall. Despite declining production levels in Europe, the Steel Division was able to gain further market share thanks to excellent product quality, high delivery reliability, and stable logistics solutions.

The broadly diversified business model, which does not depend on individual OEMs, once again proved to be a stabilizing factor. Selective price agreements and continued solid demand in specific product segments also had a supportive effect.

The **energy sector** showed a somewhat more subdued performance in the first quarter of 2026/27 compared to the previous quarter. The market for high-quality heavy plate, in which voestalpine holds a leading position, continued to benefit in the first few months of the 2026/27 business year from successful project contracts secured in the previous reporting period. However, momentum in the energy segment is expected to weaken as the business year progresses. The Steel Division's strong positioning in the premium segment with the highest technical requirements remains intact. The conflict in the Middle East led to delays in individual projects.

The **construction industry** continued to show subdued performance in the first quarter of 2026/27, particularly in building construction and industrial construction. A sustained recovery in construction activity failed to materialize, primarily due to persistently weak investment activity in Europe. There were only isolated signs of slight improvement.

Mechanical engineering also remained stable at an overall subdued level. Demand therefore remained subdued throughout the first quarter of 2026/27 due to low investment momentum.

The implementation of the greentec steel transformation project at the Linz site continued according to plan in the first quarter of 2026/27. The new electric arc furnace is scheduled to go into operation at the end of the current business year, as planned.

DEVELOPMENT OF THE KEY FIGURES

Revenue for the Steel Division in the first quarter of 2026/27 totaled EUR 1,530.5 million, up 2.5% compared with the prior-year period (Q1 2025/26: EUR 1,493.8 million). While price levels remained largely stable, shipment volumes increased slightly compared with the prior year.

Earnings in the Steel Division improved further and exceeded the strong performance of the first quarter of 2025/26. The gross margin expanded as a result of lower raw material and energy costs. In addition, the slightly higher sales volume had a positive impact on earnings growth. Against this backdrop, EBITDA improved by 15.1% from EUR 189.8 million in the first quarter of 2025/26 to EUR 218.4 million in the first quarter of 2026/27. The EBITDA margin rose from 12.7% to 14.3%. During the same period, EBIT increased by 21.4% from EUR 126.1 million (with a margin of 8.4%) to EUR 153.1 million (with a margin of 10.0%).

As of June 30, 2026, the Steel Division reported a 1.6% increase in the number of employees (FTE, full-time equivalents) to 10,753 (compared with 10,586 as of the same date the previous year).

HIGH PERFORMANCE METALS DIVISION

QUARTERLY DEVELOPMENT OF THE HIGH PERFORMANCE METALS DIVISION

In millions of euros	Q 1 2025/26 04/01–06/30/2025	Q 1 2026/27 04/01–06/30/2026	Change in %
Revenue	678.5	742.1	9.4
EBITDA	53.8	167.3	211.0
EBITDA margin	7.9%	22.5%	
EBIT	14.9	129.9	771.8
EBIT margin	2.2%	17.5%	
Employees (full-time equivalent), end of period	11,587	10,948	–5.5

BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT

In the first quarter of the 2026/27 business year, the High Performance Metals Division continued to face a challenging economic environment, characterized by persistently subdued economic growth in Europe and U.S. trade policy measures. Against this backdrop, the division continued implementing the reorganization measures it had initiated. From an operational perspective, the first quarter of 2026/27 was generally stable with isolated positive developments. The individual market segments at the start of the 2026/27 business year performed as follows:

The **Tooling** market segment encompasses the supply of tool steel and represents the division's largest segment in terms of both volume and value. This segment was again characterized by intense global competition and corresponding price pressure in the first quarter of 2026/27, although initial signs of moderate improvement were evident. The strategic focus on the high quality segment, as well as on value-added services and customer support, continued unchanged. Demand trends varied by region: In Europe, business remained stable overall but continued to be subdued, although slight positive momentum was evident in individual business areas. The North American market, on the other hand, continued to show subdued performance due to U.S. tariffs. In Brazil, slight improvements in demand were recorded at the beginning of the 2026/27 business year, and China also showed continued satisfactory demand.

The **Industrials** market segment manufactures specialty steels and machined components that are used in a wide range of industrial applications worldwide. The segment remained largely stable in the first quarter of 2026/27, while demand from the automotive industry remained subdued. The segment continued to be weighed down by intense competitive pressure, particularly from Asia, and by U.S. trade policy measures. In contrast, individual sectors such as Food & Beverage, MedTech (medical technology), and Mining continued to perform well.

In the **Aerospace and Power Industries** market segment, the High Performance Metals Division supplies both specialty materials and forged parts and components and has a very strong global market presence. This segment continued its positive performance at the start of the 2026/27 business year. Demand remained at a healthy level, driven particularly by the continued solid performance of the European aerospace industry. The continued increase in production figures from North American aircraft manufacturers further supported this positive momentum.

The **Oil & Gas, CPI & Renewables** market segment supplies specialty materials and machined parts to global manufacturers of equipment for oil and natural gas exploration, as well as to the petrochemical and renewable energy industries. Business performance continued to be shaped by global uncertainties but showed a slight improvement in the first quarter of 2026/27. Against the backdrop of rising oil and gas prices resulting from the conflict in the Middle East, initial signs of a recovery in demand were evident in the exploration sector. The petrochemical industry, on the other hand, continued to be a stable sales market.

As previously reported in the 2025/26 Annual Report, the sale of voestalpine BÖHLER Profil in Bruckbach, Austria was successfully completed at the end of April 2026 following receipt of the necessary regulatory approvals. The divestment as well as other non-recurring effects, particularly in connection with the ongoing reorganization measures, resulted in one-off effects of approximately EUR 100 million in the High Performance Metals Division.

DEVELOPMENT OF FINANCIAL KEY FIGURES

The High Performance Metals Division reported a 9.4% increase in revenue during the current reporting period, rising from EUR 678.5 million in the first quarter of 2025/26 to EUR 742.1 million in the first quarter of 2026/27. This increase resulted from an improved product mix and generally higher price levels. By contrast, shipment volumes declined slightly year-over-year.

Besides higher revenue, the division also succeeded in improving its operating profitability in the first quarter of 2026/27. In addition to the sustained positive effects from the initiated cost-cutting and efficiency programs, earnings performance in the first quarter of 2026/27 was significantly influenced by one-off positive and negative extraordinary effects in the High Performance Metals Division, particularly from the sale of voestalpine BÖHLER Profil and from the continued reorganization measures. Overall, EBITDA for the first quarter of 2026/27 includes approximately EUR 100 million in one-off effects. As a result, the High Performance Metals Division achieved EBITDA of EUR 167.3 million (margin of 22.5%) in the current reporting quarter, exceeding the prior-year figure of EUR 53.8 million (margin of 7.9%) by 211.0%. EBIT increased from EUR 14.9 million (margin of 2.2%) to EUR 129.9 million (margin of 17.5%).

Following the reorganization measures implemented in the production and sales divisions, the number of employees (FTE, full-time equivalents) in the High Performance Metals Division decreased by 5.5% to 10,948 as of June 30, 2026 (11,587 as of June 30, 2025).

METAL ENGINEERING DIVISION

QUARTERLY DEVELOPMENT OF THE METAL ENGINEERING DIVISION

In millions of euros	Q 1 2025/26 04/01–06/30/2025	Q 1 2026/27 04/01–06/30/2026	Change in %
Revenue	1,087.0	1,048.2	–3.6
EBITDA	102.0	91.0	–10.8
EBITDA margin	9.4%	8.7%	
EBIT	54.4	43.7	–19.7
EBIT margin	5.0%	4.2%	
Employees (full-time equivalent), end of period	15,008	14,821	–1.2

BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT

The Metal Engineering Division posted an overall stable performance in the first quarter of the 2026/27 business year amid challenging economic conditions. The Railway Systems business unit continued to perform robustly. The Industrial Systems business unit, however, presented a mixed picture: While individual areas remained stable or showed slight improvements, other segments continued to be weighed down by subdued demand, regional competitive pressure, and trade policy conditions.

In the **Railway Systems** segment, the rail infrastructure business remained robust in the first quarter of 2026/27. In the Baltic States, voestalpine Railway Systems secured its largest framework contract to date, with a volume of approximately EUR 470 million, as part of the strategically significant European infrastructure project “Rail Baltica.” The contract covers the delivery of high-tech turnouts, including digital monitoring systems, and strengthens voestalpine Railway Systems’ position as a leading global provider of system solutions for railway infrastructure.

The **Track Systems** product segment (formerly the Rails product segment and now operating as Track Systems), which focuses on the European market, continued to perform steadily in the first quarter of the 2026/27 business year. Capacity utilization remained at a good level, with high order volumes in the DACH region and projects in Southeast Europe making a significant contribution.

The globally positioned **Turnout Systems** product segment recorded growth during the reporting period. Demand in Europe was satisfactory, and the overall trend in North America was also positive. In Asia, additional project activity—particularly in China—supported performance, while the market environment in India remained challenging due to project delays. South America performed slightly better than expected, while performance varied across Africa but was positive overall.

The **Signaling** product segment (sensor and signaling technology) performed well in the first quarter of 2026/27. Demand was slightly above expectations. Temporarily weaker performance in Europe was partially offset by demand from the U.S. market.

The **Fixations** product segment (fastening systems) showed an overall positive trend in the first quarter of 2026/27 in the sleeper technology and fastening systems business, attributable to strong demand from Central and Eastern Europe.

The segments of the **Industrial Systems** business unit continued to show mixed performacne in the first quarter of the 2026/27 business year.

The **Welding** product segment recorded an overall stable performance during the reporting period. In Europe and across North, Central, and South America, market momentum remained subdued at the start of the 2026/27 business year. In the Middle East, however, demand remained stable, while in China it continued to be positive.

For the **Tubulars** product segment, the business environment remained challenging in the first quarter of 2026/27. The impact of U.S. tariff policies continued to weigh significantly on sales opportunities. Capacity adjustments were made to mitigate these effects. Against the backdrop of geopolitical tensions in the Middle East, there were temporary project delays and postponements.

The **Wire** product segment also faced a persistently difficult market environment during the reporting period, though it showed initial signs of a slight improvement. Despite the implementation of the European CBAM (Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism), prices could only be raised slightly in individual cases due to market conditions. Demand in the core sectors of automotive, construction, and mechanical engineering remained subdued overall. In the area of specialty applications, such as ball bearing steels, tension wires for railroad ties, and specialty wires for wind turbine tower construction, demand remained stable.

As part of the greentec steel transformation program, voestalpine decided in the first quarter of 2026/27 to proceed with the second expansion phase, subject to the required funding commitments. The first phase is proceeding according to plan, with commissioning scheduled for the first half of 2027. Following implementation, approximately 60% of steel production in Donawitz will be converted to greentec steel. The implementation of the second expansion phase will enable the site's extensive decarbonization by 2030. The decision to bring this step forward was driven by both demand and cost considerations and supports the site's further development toward a minimill concept.

DEVELOPMENT OF THE KEY FIGURES

Year-over-year, the Metal Engineering Division saw a 3.6% decline in revenue, from EUR 1,087.0 million in the first quarter of 2025/26 to EUR 1,048.2 million in the first quarter of 2026/27. While the Railway Systems business unit was able to maintain stable revenue levels, the Industrial Systems business unit reported a decline in revenue. This decline in Industrial Systems is primarily attributable to the challenging environment in the Tubulars product segment.

EBITDA in the first quarter of 2026/27 was EUR 91.0 million (margin: 8.7%), down 10.8% from the prior-year figure of EUR 102.0 million (margin: 9.4%). Similar to revenue, the earnings trend was characterized by a solid and stable performance in the Railway Systems business unit. The decline in the Industrial Systems business unit was, in turn, a result of the challenging conditions in the Tubulars product segment. EBIT fell by 19.7% year-over-year, from EUR 54.4 million (margin: 5.0%) to EUR 43.7 million (margin: 4.2%).

As of June 30, 2026, the Metal Engineering Division employed 14,821 employees (FTE, full-time equivalents). Compared with the same date in the previous fiscal year (15,008), this represents a decrease of 1.2%.

METAL FORMING DIVISION

QUARTERLY DEVELOPMENT OF THE METAL FORMING DIVISION

In millions of euros	Q 1 2025/26 04/01–06/30/2025	Q 1 2026/27 04/01–06/30/2026	Change in %
Revenue	763.6	809.2	6.0
EBITDA	51.4	62.3	21.2
EBITDA margin	6.7%	7.7%	
EBIT	16.0	27.7	73.1
EBIT margin	2.1%	3.4%	
Employees (full-time equivalent), end of period	11,051	10,805	–2.2

BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT

The Metal Forming Division reported a generally mixed business performance in the first quarter of 2026/27. While the Automotive Components segment continued to face a challenging environment, demand in other segments remained robust.

The **Automotive Components** business unit was characterized by a persistently difficult market environment. Demand in Europe continued to remain subdued, while no sustained improvement in market conditions was evident in international markets either. The consistent implementation of these measures continued and remained the division's central strategic focus in the first quarter of the 2026/27 business year, even amid a challenging market environment.

Market dynamics in the **Tubes & Sections** business segment varied by region in the first quarter of 2026/27. The persistently challenging environment in the UK construction industry weighed on sales in that region. By contrast, demand for specialty profiles for commercial vehicles and buses in continental Europe was satisfactory. In the U.S., market conditions were characterized by intense competition, while demand in South America remained stable.

The **Precision Strip** business unit also recorded solid overall demand in the first quarter of 2026/27, exceeding the prior-year level. Conditions in the U.S. were characterized by intense competition in a market environment that remained volatile. China, on the other hand, recorded positive sales growth.

The **Warehouse & Rack Solutions** business unit continued the positive trend from the previous business year in the first quarter of 2026/27 and remained a key earnings driver for the division. Demand for automated warehouse solutions remained at a good level.