STEEL DIVISION

QUARTERLY DEVELOPMENT OF THE STEEL DIVISION

In millions of euros	Q 1		Q 2		H 1		
	2025/26 04/01–06/30/2025	2026/27 04/01–06/30/2026	2025/26 07/01–09/30/2025	2026/27 07/01–09/30/2026	2025/26 04/01–09/30/2025	2026/27 04/01–09/30/2026	Change in %
Revenue	1,493.8	1,530.5	1,383.0	1,300.4	2,876.8	2,830.9	-1.6
EBITDA	189.8	218.4	206.4	187.8	396.2	406.2	2.5
EBITDA margin	12.7%	14.3%	14.9%	14.4%	13.8%	14.3%	
EBIT	126.1	153.1	143.4	121.4	269.5	274.5	1.9
EBIT margin	8.4%	10.0%	10.4%	9.3%	9.4%	9.7%	
Employees (full-time equivalent), end of period	10,586	10,753	10,670	10,862	10,670	10,862	1.8

MARKET ENVIRONMENT AND BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT

Despite a persistently subdued market environment, the Steel Division posted encouraging results in the first half of the 2026/27 business year. This was primarily due to the division's consistent focus on high-quality steel products for technologically complex applications, as well as its strong positioning as a partner to leading companies in particularly demanding industries.

Following the surge in imports in the run-up to the new EU safeguard measures and the associated build-up of inventories, import volumes declined over the course of the first half of the 2026/27 business year. At the same time, the Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism (CBAM) increasingly demonstrated its trade protection effects and, together with the new EU safeguard measures, formed an effective protective framework against steel imports into the European Union. Despite the ongoing drawdown of elevated inventory levels and a slight seasonal decline in demand during the summer months, price trends improved in the second quarter of the 2026/27 business year.

Transport logistics posed a significant operational challenge during the reporting period. Low water levels on the Danube and restrictions on rail traffic hampered the shipment of finished products, especially since August. At the same time, higher logistics costs increased the need for price adjustments.

The Steel Division's market segments performed as follows in the first half of the 2026/27 business year:

The European **automotive industry** was characterized by declining production volumes. Nevertheless, the Steel Division recorded generally satisfactory demand and maintained its strong market position. This was supported by successful price agreements and solid demand for high-quality flat steel products for specific applications.

The **energy sector** performed satisfactorily overall. In the first quarter of the 2026/27 business year, the market for high-quality heavy plate still benefited in part from successful project contracts concluded in the past. As the quarter progressed, however, geopolitical uncertainties in the Middle East led to delays in individual pipeline and offshore projects and, consequently, to lower earnings contributions compared with the prior year.

The **construction industry** remained at a low level in the first half of the 2026/27 business year. Demand remained subdued, particularly in European building construction and industrial construction. Although there were tentative signs of recovery, a sustained upturn in construction and investment activity was not yet evident.

The **white goods and consumer goods industry** was characterized by subdued demand for much of the period.

The **mechanical engineering industry** performed at a low but stable level during the reporting period. European industry's willingness to invest remained subdued.

FINANCIAL KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS

Revenue for the Steel Division declined only slightly year-over-year, by 1.6%, from EUR 2,876.8 million in the first half of 2025/26 to EUR 2,830.9 million in the first half of 2026/27. Higher price levels in the current reporting period could not fully offset slightly lower shipment volumes and a less favorable product mix resulting from delays in energy sector projects.

However, the Steel Division posted gains on the earnings side. Operating profit (EBITDA) improved by 2.5% from EUR 396.2 million (margin: 13.8%) in the first half of 2025/26 to EUR 406.2 million (margin: 14.3%) in the first half of 2026/27. The increase in the gross margin had a positive impact on operating earnings, while volume and mix trends in the current reporting period were slightly below the prior-year level. Operating profit (EBIT) increased by 1.9% year-over-year, from EUR 269.5 million (margin: 9.4%) to EUR 274.5 million (margin: 9.7%).

In a direct quarter-over-quarter comparison from the first to the second quarter of 2026/27, the Steel Division saw revenue decline by 15.0%, from EUR 1,530.5 million to EUR 1,300.4 million. While contract prices showed a positive trend, the shipment level declined due to seasonal factors and logistical challenges. Against this backdrop, the Steel Division's EBITDA in the second quarter of 2026/27, at EUR 187.8 million (margin 14.4%), was 14.0% below the figure for the immediately preceding quarter of EUR 218.4 million (margin 14.3%). EBIT in the second quarter of 2026/27, at EUR 121.4 million (margin 9.3%), was 20.7% lower than EBIT of EUR 153.1 million (margin 10.0%) in the first quarter of 2026/27.

In terms of the number of employees (FTE, full-time equivalent), the Steel Division reported an increase of 1.8% to 10,862 (compared with 10,670 as of the same date the previous year), primarily due to preparatory measures for the commissioning of the electric arc furnace, which is scheduled for the first half of the 2027 calendar year.

HIGH PERFORMANCE METALS DIVISION

QUARTERLY DEVELOPMENT OF THE HIGH PERFORMANCE METALS DIVISION

In millions of euros	Q 1		Q 2		H 1		
	2025/26 04/01–06/30/2025	2026/27 04/01–06/30/2026	2025/26 07/01–09/30/2025	2026/27 07/01–09/30/2026	2025/26 04/01–09/30/2025	2026/27 04/01–09/30/2026	Change in %
Revenue	678.5	742.1	669.1	720.0	1,347.6	1,462.1	8.5
EBITDA	53.8	167.3	49.2	71.0	103.0	238.3	131.4
EBITDA margin	7.9%	22.5%	7.4%	9.9%	7.6%	16.3%	
EBIT	14.9	129.9	10.8	34.4	25.7	164.3	539.3
EBIT margin	2.2%	17.5%	1.6%	4.8%	1.9%	11.2%	
Employees (full-time equivalent), end of period	11,587	10,948	11,506	10,919	11,506	10,919	-5.1

MARKET ENVIRONMENT AND BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT

The High Performance Metals Division continued to face a subdued market environment in the first half of the 2026/27 business year. However, modest signs of increased demand emerged across all market segments. This marked a continuation of the positive trend already observed in recent months. Economic development in Europe was subdued overall, while U.S. trade policy measures and ongoing geopolitical uncertainties continued to weigh on international markets. The initiated reorganization and cost-cutting programs have already positively impacted earnings performance and will be pursued consistently.

In the **Tooling** market segment, the division's largest segment in terms of both volume and value, intense global competition and pricing pressure persisted in the first half of the 2026/27 business year. Demand showed positive trends overall but varied by region. While Europe continued to exhibit a subdued yet stable environment, North America remained challenging as a result of U.S. tariff policy. In Brazil, business remained subdued despite a slight uptick in demand at the beginning of the reporting period. The Chinese market performed satisfactorily and supported the segment's stable performance. The strategic focus on the high-end quality segment as well as on value-added services and support services continued unchanged.

The **Industrials** market segment manufactures specialty steels and machined components for a wide range of global industrial applications. Demand from the automotive industry remained subdued during the reporting period. In addition, intense competitive pressure, particularly from Asia, as well as U.S. trade policy measures weighed on the market. By contrast, the Food & Beverage, MedTech (medical technology), and Mining sectors performed well, with robust demand continuing into the first half of the 2026/27 business year.

In the **Aerospace and Power Industries** market segment, the positive trend continued throughout the first half of the 2026/27 business year. Demand remained at a healthy level and was driven particularly by the continued strong performance of the European aerospace industry. In addition, increased demand from North America supported sales. Overall, this market segment continued to perform well and was a key driver of the division's earnings.

The **Oil & Gas, CPI & Renewables** market segment continued to be characterized by economic uncertainty and geopolitical tensions during the first half of the 2026/27 business year. While the petrochemical industry continued to show stable demand, activity in oil and gas exploration varied by region. During the reporting period, there were isolated project delays and a temporary increase in market uncertainty related to geopolitical developments in the Middle East.

As already outlined in the report for the first quarter of the 2026/27 business year, earnings for the first half of the 2026/27 business year were influenced by positive one-off effects totaling approximately EUR 100 million. These resulted from the sale of voestalpine BÖHLER Profil as well as from other special effects related to reorganization measures.

FINANCIAL KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS

In terms of revenue, the High Performance Metals Division posted an 8.5% increase during the reporting period, rising from EUR 1,347.6 million in the first half of 2025/26 to EUR 1,462.1 million in the first half of 2026/27. The primary driver of revenue growth was a higher price level in the current reporting period. Shipment volumes, however, were slightly weaker year-over-year.

High Performance Metals Division recorded significant earnings growth. EBITDA improved by 131.4% year-over-year, rising from EUR 103.0 million (margin: 7.6%) to EUR 238.3 million (margin: 16.3%). Earnings performance in the first half of 2026/27 was influenced not only by the sustained positive effects of the implemented cost-cutting and efficiency-enhancement programs but also by positive and negative one-off effects, particularly from the sale of voestalpine BÖHLER Profil, as well as from the continuation of reorganization measures. On a net basis, EBITDA and EBIT for the first half of 2026/27 include positive one-off effects of approximately EUR 100 million. In terms of EBIT, the High Performance Metals Division achieved a 539.3% increase from EUR 25.7 million (margin: 1.9%) in the first half of 2025/26 to EUR 164.3 million (margin: 11.2%) in the first half of 2026/27.

In a direct quarter-over-quarter comparison from the first to the second quarter of 2026/27, the High Performance Metals Division reported a 3.0% decline in revenue, from EUR 742.1 million to EUR 720.0 million. Seasonally lower shipment volumes in the second quarter of 2026/27 were partially offset by higher prices. Based on the reported figures in accordance with IFRS, EBITDA declined significantly by 57.6% in a direct quarter-over-quarter comparison, from EUR 167.3 million (margin of 22.5%) in the first quarter of 2026/27 to EUR 71.0 million (margin of 9.9%) in the second quarter of 2026/27. However, it must be taken into account that positive one-off effects amounting to a net total of approximately EUR 100 million—as described in the year-over-year comparison—occurred in the first quarter of 2026/27. Adjusted EBITDA improved slightly on a quarter-over-quarter basis. The increasingly effective efficiency-enhancement measures contributed to this in particular. EBIT decreased by 73.5% from EUR 129.9 million (margin: 17.5%) in the first quarter of 2026/27 to EUR 34.4 million (margin: 4.8%) in the second quarter of 2026/27. Excluding special effects, EBIT also showed an increase in a direct quarter-over-quarter comparison.

As a result of the reorganization measures initiated in production and sales, the number of employees (FTE, full-time equivalent) in the High Performance Metals Division decreased by 5.1% to 10,919 as of September 30, 2026 (11,506 as of September 30, 2025).

METAL ENGINEERING DIVISION

QUARTERLY DEVELOPMENT OF THE METAL ENGINEERING DIVISION

In millions of euros	Q 1		Q 2		H 1		
	2025/26 04/01–06/30/2025	2026/27 04/01–06/30/2026	2025/26 07/01–09/30/2025	2026/27 07/01–09/30/2026	2025/26 04/01–09/30/2025	2026/27 04/01–09/30/2026	Change in %
Revenue	1,087.0	1,048.2	1,018.3	1,014.9	2,105.3	2,063.1	-2.0
EBITDA	102.0	91.0	89.9	86.2	191.9	177.2	-7.7
EBITDA margin	9.4%	8.7%	8.8%	8.5%	9.1%	8.6%	
EBIT	54.4	43.7	42.3	39.9	96.7	83.6	-13.5
EBIT margin	5.0%	4.2%	4.2%	3.9%	4.6%	4.1%	
Employees (full-time equivalent), end of period	15,008	14,821	15,186	14,959	15,186	14,959	-1.5

MARKET ENVIRONMENT AND BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT

Despite a continuously challenging economic environment, the Metal Engineering Division posted stable overall performance in the first half of the 2026/27 business year. Railway Systems performed well, benefiting from sustained high demand and additional project business. In Industrial Systems, however, the picture was mixed. This was mainly caused by continued subdued demand in Europe on the one hand, and geopolitical uncertainties in the Middle East as well as adverse trade conditions, particularly between the EU and the U.S., on the other.

In the **Railway Systems** business unit, the positive trend in the rail infrastructure business continued in the first half of 2026/27. Order intake remained at a high level and was supported by numerous infrastructure projects in Europe as well as international project contracts.

The **Track Systems** product segment continued to perform well in the first half of the 2026/27 business year. Capacity utilization remained high. Key drivers included the DACH region (Germany, Austria and Switzerland) and additional project activity in Central and Southeastern Europe. Sustained robust demand in the tram and metro segments in Europe and South America also supported business performance.

The globally positioned **Turnout Systems** product segment also recorded positive development during the reporting period. In Europe, demand remained at a good level, driven by commuter rail and infrastructure projects. North America also performed well, supported by robust demand in the freight and transit sectors. In China, additional activities in the high-speed rail sector boosted momentum, while in India, some projects continued to be affected by delays. South America showed a rather moderate trend, while Africa continued to perform satisfactorily overall.

The **Signaling** product segment (sensor and monitoring technology) benefited from a positive market environment in the first half of the 2026/27 business year. In particular, projects in the field of axle counting technology provided additional momentum. Temporarily weaker performance in individual European markets was partially offset by international project activities.

The **Fixations** product segment showed an overall positive trend in the first half of the 2026/27 business year. Demand for concrete sleepers remained at a good level, particularly in Central and Eastern Europe. The fixations business was characterized by project postponements and delays in certain export markets.

Industrial Systems showed mixed performance in the first half of the 2026/27 business year:

The **Welding** business unit recorded a stable performance overall during the reporting period. Demand in Europe remained subdued overall and was affected by prevailing geopolitical uncertainties resulting from the wars in Ukraine and the Middle East. Market momentum was also subdued in North, Central, and South America. At the same time, strong demand in China had a supportive effect.

For the **Tubulars** business unit, the business environment remained challenging in the first half of the 2026/27 business year. Current U.S. trade policy and additional pressures from further protectionist measures (provisional additional duties[1]) weighed on business performance. In addition, geopolitical tensions led to a decline and delay in revenue. To mitigate the impact, capacity adjustments were implemented. Furthermore, additional measures are currently under review.

The **Wire** business unit continued to face challenging conditions in the automotive, construction, and mechanical engineering industries. A persistently difficult demand and pricing environment characterized performance in the first half of the 2026/27 business year. Despite the implementation of the European CBAM (Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism) system, market conditions allowed for only sporadic and minor price increases. By contrast, some product areas (special profiles, premium ball-bearing steels, tension wires for railroad ties and for wind turbine tower construction) continued to perform steadily and provided support.

[1] countervailing duties, anti-dumping duties

FINANCIAL KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS METAL ENGINEERING DIVISION

Revenue trends in the Metal Engineering Division showed a slight year-over-year decline of 2.0%, from EUR 2,105.3 million in the first half of 2025/26 to EUR 2,063.1 million in the first half of 2026/27. The Railway Systems business unit showed a stable trend in revenue, whereas Industrial Systems faced a decline in revenue due to further protectionist measures and, in this context, provisional additional duties[1] in the Tubulars product segment.

Operating profit (EBITDA) also declined, falling by 7.7% from EUR 191.9 million (margin: 9.1%) in the prior year to EUR 177.2 million (margin: 8.6%) in the current reporting period. Similar to revenue, operating profit (EBITDA) in the Railway Systems division remained at a consistently strong level. The somewhat weaker performance in Industrial Systems is again attributable to the challenging conditions for Tubulars. Operating profit (EBIT) for the first half of 2026/27, at EUR 83.6 million (margin 4.1%), was 13.5% below the prior-year figure (EUR 96.7 million, margin 4.6%).

The development within the Metal Engineering Division from the first to the second quarter of 2026/27 was slightly weaker. Similar to the year-over-year comparison, the Railway Systems business unit continued to perform at a solid level in the second quarter 2026/27; however, Industrial Systems reported a decline in revenue as a result of the difficult operating conditions for the business unit Tubulars. Specifically, the Metal Engineering Division's revenue decreased by 3.2% in a direct quarter-over-quarter comparison, from EUR 1,048.2 million to EUR 1,014.9 million. EBITDA amounted to EUR 86.2 million in the second quarter of 2026/27 (margin: 8.5%), representing a 5.3% decrease from the previous quarter (EUR 91.0 million, margin: 8.7%). EBIT reached EUR 39.9 million in the second quarter of 2026/27 (margin: 3.9%), representing a decrease of 8.7% compared with the first quarter of 2026/27 (EUR 43.7 million, margin: 4.2%).

As of September 30, 2026, the Metal Engineering Division employed 14,959 employees (FTE, full-time equivalent). Compared to the same date in the previous business year (15,186), this represents a decrease of 1.5%.

METAL FORMING DIVISION

QUARTERLY DEVELOPMENT OF THE METAL FORMING DIVISION

In millions of euros	Q 1		Q 2		H 1		
	2025/26 04/01–06/30/2025	2026/27 04/01–06/30/2026	2025/26 07/01–09/30/2025	2026/27 07/01–09/30/2026	2025/26 04/01–09/30/2025	2026/27 04/01–09/30/2026	Change in %
Revenue	763.6	809.2	741.2	753.3	1,504.8	1,562.5	3.8
EBITDA	51.4	62.3	43.2	39.9	94.6	102.2	8.0
EBITDA margin	6.7%	7.7%	5.8%	5.3%	6.3%	6.5%	
EBIT	16.0	27.7	8.9	5.2	24.9	32.9	32.1
EBIT margin	2.1%	3.4%	1.2%	0.7%	1.7%	2.1%	
Employees (full-time equivalent), end of period	11,051	10,805	10,934	10,554	10,934	10,554	-3.5

MARKET ENVIRONMENT AND BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT

Overall, business performance in the Metal Forming Division was mixed in the first half of the 2026/27 business year. Weak performance in the Automotive Components and Tubes & Sections business units was offset by largely stable results at Precision Strip and positive performance at Warehouse & Rack Solutions.

The **Automotive Components** business unit continued to face a challenging market environment in the first half of the 2026/27 business year. Order volumes from German premium automakers remained subdued, affecting demand in Europe. In addition, weak market conditions in China and subdued demand in North America weighed on business performance. The reorganization of the business unit continued and remains a key component of the measures aimed at achieving sustainable improvements in competitiveness and profitability.

In the **Tubes & Sections** business unit, performance was weak in the first half of the 2026/27 business year. Demand from the construction industry in the United Kingdom remained at a low level. In North America, operational challenges, temporary bottlenecks in steel supply and the resulting limited material availability had a negative impact. At the Jeffersonville, Indiana, site, production at the new manufacturing facility for high-quality longitudinal beams for leading truck manufacturers began in July 2026. This expansion will double the site's production capacity.

The **Precision Strip** business unit performed relatively steadily in the first half of the 2026/27 business year. Lower sales volumes were partially offset by price adjustments. Customer ordering patterns were characterized by increased volatility, as order and production plans were increasingly adjusted on short notice.

The **Warehouse & Rack Solutions** business unit continued its positive performance in the first half of the 2026/27 business year. Demand for automated warehouse solutions remained high in both Europe and North America. A consistently attractive project pipeline and the successful implementation of ongoing projects had a positive impact on earnings. Warehouse & Rack Solutions thus remained a key earnings driver for the Metal Forming Division.

FINANCIAL KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS

The Metal Forming Division increased its revenue by 3.8% year-over-year, from EUR 1,504.8 million in the first half of 2025/26 to EUR 1,562.5 million in the first half of 2026/27. The Precision Strip and Warehouse & Rack Solutions business units, which are smaller in terms of revenue, each recorded revenue increases. While the Tubes & Sections business unit faced a decline in revenue, the Automotive Components business unit showed a nearly stable trend.

In terms of earnings, apart from Tubes & Sections, all business units within the Metal Forming Division achieved a year-over-year increase in operating profit (EBITDA). In the Automotive Components business unit, positive effects from the implemented cost-saving measures became evident in a market environment that remained very challenging. Overall, however, the Metal Forming Division was still able to increase EBITDA by 8.0% from EUR 94.6 million (margin: 6.3%) in the first half of 2025/26 to EUR 102.2 million (margin: 6.5%) in the first half of 2026/27. In terms of EBIT, the division achieved an improvement of 32.1% over the same period, rising from EUR 24.9 million (margin: 1.7%) to EUR 32.9 million (margin: 2.1%).

In a direct comparison of the first and second quarters of 2026/27, the Metal Forming Division's revenue decreased by 6.9%, from EUR 809.2 million to EUR 753.3 million. Only the Warehouse & Rack Solutions business unit was able to increase its revenue, while the other three business units suffered revenue declines, primarily due to seasonal factors. Operating earnings followed a similar trend. While EBITDA declined in a direct quarter-over-quarter comparison in the Tubes & Sections, Automotive Components, and Precision Strip business segments, the trend in Warehouse & Rack Solutions remained stable at a good level. Overall, the Metal Forming Division's EBITDA in the second quarter of 2026/27, at EUR 39.9 million (margin 5.3%), was 36.0% below the figure for the first quarter of 2026/27 (EUR 62.3 million, margin 7.7%). EBIT decreased by 81.2% in a direct quarter-over-quarter comparison, from EUR 27.7 million (margin 3.4%) to EUR 5.2 million (margin 0.7%).

The number of employees (FTE, full-time equivalent) in the Metal Forming Division amounted to 10,554 as of September 30, 2026. Compared with September 30, 2025 (10,934), this represents a decrease of 3.5%. The decline in headcount is particularly attributable to the reorganization within the Automotive Components business unit.