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STEP-G is a member of the Aluminium Stewardship Initiative (ASI)

The aluminium company ST Extruded Products Group, STEP-G for short, has been an official member of the Aluminium Stewardship Initiative (ASI) since March 2022. With this membership, STEP-G is taking the next step in its comprehensive sustainability strategy.

For the last ten years, the Aluminium Stewardship Initiative (ASI) has been working to improve transparency and sustainability among aluminium processors and manufacturers. In the context of a sustainable production process, it identifies potential for improvement and evaluates the effectiveness of the company's sustainability strategy. As a non-profit standardisation and certification organisation, ASI thus pursues the vision of making a sustainable contribution to our society through the use of aluminium. By becoming a member of the ASI, STEP-G is committed to this sustainable manufacturing approach along the added value supply chain within the aluminium industry.

The main focus areas for STEP-G are the use of sustainable energy, the consistent recording of its ecological footprint in all production and logistics processes, and the establishment of a corporate social responsibility management system. Ensuring 100 per cent recyclability of its products and procuring sustainably sourced aluminium as a raw material are key elements of STEP-G's approach to sustainability.

The aluminium specialist STEP-G is thus aware of its corporate responsibilities. "We actively take responsibility for making a sustainable contribution to society and our environment," says Markus Ogawa, Managing Director STEP-G. "Our sustainability strategy is based on protecting our environment – starting with procurement and including our in-house production process and deliveries to our customers," adds Edgar Gebhart, Managing Director STEP-G.

By joining ASI, the STEP-G Group of Companies has committed itself to reaching the next step for certification in accordance with the ASI Performance Standard.

The company at a glance

ST Extruded Products Group, or STEP-G, is one of the world's leading producers of extruded aluminium profiles. With production sites in Germany, Belgium and China, STEP-G is a multinational company. The three German press plants in Bitterfeld, Bonn and Vogt are highly specialised and offer a comprehensive range of extruded profiles and bars. The automotive industry and its direct suppliers rely on the company's innovative quality. Other customers are in the aerospace, rail, and mechanical and electrical engineering industries as well as the construction sector. Completing the portfolio are various forms of processing through to component manufacturing. The foundry in Hettstedt with a comprehensive range of standard and special alloys provides reliable technology and consistent availability from one source.

From foundation to the present day

In 1915, the first German factory was opened in Bitterfeld. It was followed in 1921 by the German plant in Bonn, in 1946 by the plant in Duffel, Belgium, and in 1952 by another German plant in Vogt. In 2000, the Chinese plant in Tianjin was commissioned. In 2006, Aleris International Inc. acquired the plants of Corus Aluminium. On 1 March 2015, the Aleris aluminium extrusion operations transferred to the Japanese company Sankyo Tateyama, Inc., a manufacturer of extruded and cast products. In 2019, the foundry in Hettstedt was incorporated into the STEP-G group.

More information is available at www.step-g.com and www.bug.de.