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**STEP-G and BUG take further steps towards climate justice**

**ST Extruded Products Group, STEP-G for short, continues to drive its sustainability approach. The corporate group has become a member of the “CO<sub>2</sub> Neutral Website” initiative via the two websites representing the STEP-G and BUG Aluminium-Systeme brands.**

The production of aluminium and aluminium profiles is highly energy intensive. However, in early 2022 aluminium and renewable energy became inextricably linked for STEP-G and its BUG Aluminium-Systeme brand. This is because STEP-G's German plants have been supplied with 100 per cent green electricity since the start of the year. The group of companies has now taken a further important step in terms of increasing the sustainability of its brand. Via its sustainability strategy, the aluminium company is focusing on making a corresponding contribution to society and consistently recording its ecological footprint. Markus Ogawa, Managing Director STEP-G, says: “It is essential that we join forces and make every effort to protect and preserve the Earth's habitat.” “This is also reflected in the fact that, besides our sustainable manufacturing process, all other areas at our company locations are also being reviewed step by step and improvements in terms of climate and environmental protection are being implemented,” adds Edgar Gebhart, Managing Director STEP-G. This also includes the two websites of STEP-G and BUG Aluminium-Systeme.

“We see it as our social duty to review and reduce our consumption of resources along the entire added value supply chain in order to promote environmental and climate protection in our industry. We can only achieve this together, i.e. in partnership with our customers and suppliers,” says Martin Götze, Head of BUG Aluminium-Systeme. The group's strategy is based on the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) adopted by the United Nations. Accordingly, both brands have been members of the globally active “CO<sub>2</sub> Neutral Website” climate initiative since April. Through their membership, STEP-G and BUG Aluminium Systems will offset the CO<sub>2</sub> emissions generated by both websites. In addition, they will help to support global projects via the initiative's membership fee. This means that the two websites [www.step-g.com](http://www.step-g.com) and [www.bug.de](http://www.bug.de) now operate on a carbon-neutral basis. The initiative uses its membership fees to support Gold Standard projects aimed at achieving the

maximum possible reduction in CO<sub>2</sub> emissions. These include drinking water projects in Africa, wind projects in Turkey and initiatives to promote renewable energy sources.

### **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](http://www.step-g.com) and [www.bug.de](http://www.bug.de).*