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Record project for voestalpine in the road safety segment

The voestalpine Group's Metal Forming Division, a leading supplier of innovative vehicle restraint systems based in Krems, Austria, is making Europe's roads safer. In the largest individual project in its road safety business segment to date, voestalpine is supplying a total of 100 kilometers of guard rails for use in expanding and modernizing the D4 highway in the Czech Republic, and managing the entire project through to installation. The first major delivery has recently been made, and completion is scheduled for fall 2024.

Once finished, the Dálnice 4 highway (D4) connecting Prague to southern Bohemia will have an overall length of around 86 kilometers. voestalpine will install around 2,300 tons of steel in the form of vehicle restraint systems for a new 32-kilometer stretch of the highway and to upgrade another 16 kilometers of this road link. "Our innovative product solutions made in Krems play an important role in protecting the lives of road users. As the largest individual project in the history of our road safety business segment, this shows once again that our customers trust our extensive experience in this critical field," says Herbert Eibensteiner, CEO of voestalpine AG.

Czech Republic a key market

This is the first order in the Czech Republic in which voestalpine has also been charged with managing the entire project. "voestalpine is increasingly establishing itself as full-service provider in the road safety sector. We cover everything including development, project management, product finishing, and installation," says Peter Schwab, Member of the Management Board of voestalpine AG and Head of the Metal Forming Division. The Czech Republic was already the main export market for this business segment, and remains an important future growth market. voestalpine recently supplied a total of 33 kilometers of guard rails for another new road project, namely the D55 highway, which runs from the east of the country to its border with Lower Austria. The entire central reservation will be equipped with a double-sided voestalpine vehicle restraint system by 2024.

Metal Forming Division

The Metal Forming Division is voestalpine's center of competence for highly refined sections, tubes and precision strip steel products as well as for ready-to-install system components made of pressed, stamped and roll-formed parts. This combination of expertise in materials and processing, which is unique in the industry, and the division's global presence make it the first choice for customers who value innovation and quality. The division employs roughly 11,900 staff members and does business with almost all European car manufacturers. In the business year 2022/23, the division generated revenue of EUR 3.9 billion, with an operating result (EBITDA) of EUR 375 million.

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The voestalpine Group

voestalpine is a globally leading steel and technology group with a unique combination of materials and processing expertise. voestalpine, which operates globally, has around 500 Group companies and locations in more than 50 countries on all five continents. It has been listed on the Vienna Stock Exchange since 1995. With its premium products and system solutions, voestalpine is a leading partner to the automotive and consumer goods industries, as well as to the aerospace and oil & natural gas industries. The company is also the global market leader in railway systems, tool steel, and special sections. voestalpine is committed to the global climate goals and has a clear plan for decarbonizing steel production with its greentec steel program. In the business year 2022/23, the Group generated revenue of EUR 18.2 billion, with an operating result (EBITDA) of EUR 2.5 billion; it has around 51,200 employees worldwide.

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