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GMH Gruppe Seeks a New Best Owner for Stahlwerk Bous as Part of its Portfolio Strategy

Bous, 27 February 2025 – As part of its strategic portfolio management, GMH Gruppe has decided to seek a new Best Owner for Stahlwerk Bous GmbH. With the steel industry undergoing rapid transformation, GMH Gruppe is actively reshaping its portfolio to reinforce its core business areas.

For decades, Stahlwerk Bous has supplied steel of the highest quality and most demanding grades for tube and ring rolling mills as well as open-die and closed-die forging operations. An established leader in the industry, Stahlwerk Bous boasts high-performance production facilities, extensive expertise, and a dedicated team, all of which position it with considerable potential for the future. The company's state-of-the-art electric arc furnace, secondary metallurgy processes, and continuous and ingot casting facilities equip it with forward-looking technologies that enable efficient and sustainable steel production. Furthermore, its strategically located facility ensures rapid and flexible responses to market demands.

Stahlwerk Bous is recognized globally as a benchmark – particularly in the railway, mechanical engineering, oil and gas, and energy sectors. Unlike other companies within the GMH Gruppe, on-site further processing or additional value creation is not yet conducted. While such further processing is strategically sound, it requires relatively high investments. A new owner, potentially one already engaged in downstream processing, will be better positioned to fully capitalize on the company's potential and secure its future within a business model tailored to its strengths. The goal is to transfer the company to a Best Owner – an investor capable of integrating Bous into a business model that maximizes its strengths, especially in low-CO₂ steel production.

GMH Gruppe is committed to a structured and responsible transition for Stahlwerk Bous. The company is working closely with the works council and IG Metall to develop a sustainable solution that secures jobs and ensures long-term stability. Transparency is paramount, and all stakeholders will be kept informed throughout the process. At present, there are no plans to close the company, as the primary objective remains to find the right investor to carry the business forward.

GMH Gruppe Portfolio Management

GMH Gruppe has systematically realigned its portfolio to concentrate on key steel-related segments, thereby enhancing efficiency, market positioning, and sustainable growth. As part of this strategy, GMH Gruppe divested Eisengießerei Harz Guss Zorge GmbH to an external investor, thereby establishing a more suitable ownership structure for its long-term development. Simultaneously, the company expanded its portfolio through the acquisitions of Alba Metall Saar GmbH and Kind & Co, Edelstahlwerk, GmbH & Co. KG – actions that have strengthened its market position and extended the value chain in the production of high-quality steel.



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About Stahlwerk Bous GmbH

Based in Bous/Saarland, Stahlwerk Bous GmbH manufactures ingot blocks and continuous casting products in large dimensions. Today, it is recognized as one of Germany's most environmentally friendly steel companies. Its relatively low-CO₂ value chain—where scrap is melted in an electric arc furnace and recycled into new steel—plays a significant role in the circular economy and positions the company as a pioneer in sustainable steel production. The company supplies pre-materials for tube and ring rolling mills as well as for open-die and closed-die forging, predominantly serving the energy, mechanical engineering, and railway sectors. Currently, Stahlwerk Bous employs approximately 300 people.

About GMH Gruppe

GMH Gruppe is a full-range supplier of steel as a primary material, melted from scrap, through to ready-to-assemble components. It is one of the largest privately owned metal processing companies in Europe. The group includes 20 medium-sized production companies in the steel, forging and casting industries, which are represented in over 50 countries. With around 6,000 employees, GMH Gruppe generates an annual turnover of around 2.3 billion euros.

GMH Gruppe is a pioneer in sustainable steel production and has been accepted into the “Association of Climate Protection Companies”. Based on the recycling of scrap metal, the company produces green steel and thus makes an important contribution to the circular economy. The use of electric arc furnaces at four sites reduces CO₂ emissions by a factor of five compared to conventional blast furnaces. This also reduces the CO₂ footprint of the customers supplied by GMH. These include companies worldwide from the automotive industry, mechanical and plant engineering, railway technology, power generation, transport logistics, aerospace, agriculture and construction machinery. GMH Gruppe has set itself the goal of being completely climate-neutral by 2039. Further information can be found at www.gmh-gruppe.de/en/.

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