

CRONIMET Group Mastered a Challenging Year in 2025

- **Stabilization of business performance despite global uncertainties**
- **Sustainable investments in battery recycling and ferroalloys**
- **Positive outlook for 2026 despite continuing difficult market conditions**

Karlsruhe, June 17, 2026. The CRONIMET Holding Group, headquartered in Karlsruhe, Germany, successfully navigated the challenging geopolitical environment in fiscal year 2025. The family-run company generated revenue of 2.37 billion Euros and an operating profit of 33 million Euros. Sales volume remained at the previous year's level in fiscal year 2025, while the approximately 10% decline in revenue is primarily attributable to lower material prices.

Last year, the industry was marked by significant uncertainties. Restrictive U.S. tariff policies, subdued global demand, and overcapacity in the Asian steel industry led to a decline in prices and margins in the stainless steel sector. Through targeted efficiency improvement programs and process optimizations, CRONIMET has laid the groundwork to stabilize its business units in 2026 and develop them sustainably.

“Through group-wide measures, we were able to strengthen our competitiveness and lay the groundwork for achieving an overall satisfactory result in 2026 despite the prevailing conditions,” emphasizes Jürgen Pilarsky, CEO and majority shareholder of CRONIMET Holding GmbH.

Important milestones were achieved particularly in the battery recycling and ferroalloy production business segments: A first line of the new battery recycling plant was successfully commissioned and is currently in the ramp-up phase. At the same time, expansion in the ferroalloys sector was further advanced, particularly at our site in Brazil. These investments contribute significantly to the diversification of the portfolio and help secure the supply of raw materials for Western industry.

“Our sustainable financial structure and targeted investment in innovative projects enable us to seize opportunities even in a challenging market environment and to further expand our position in the various business segments,” explains Bernhard Kunsmann, CFO of the CRONIMET Holding Group.

For the 2026 fiscal year, the CRONIMET Group expects a moderate market recovery and an increase in revenue and earnings. The strategic focus on sustainability, efficiency, and diversification remains a central component of the company's development.

About the CRONIMET Holding Group

The CRONIMET Holding Group, headquartered in Karlsruhe, Germany, is a global specialist for stainless steel scrap and ferroalloys. The focus here is on returning metallic raw materials to the materials cycle through recycling and processing, thus contributing to the securing of raw materials and raw material efficiency. For more than four decades, the company has been supplying raw materials particularly to the stainless steel producing industry. The CRONIMET Holding Group was founded in 1980 and is now present with around 1700 employees at more than 70 locations worldwide.

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