

Who takes care of aircrafts at the end of their life cycle? WE DO

- **CRONIMET expands its Aviation Recycling division**
- **The dismantling of two Airbus A340s has been successfully completed**
- **More than 300 tonnes of mixed scrap could be returned to the raw material cycle**

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There is an oppressive heat at Schwerin-Parchim Airport when the 12-member team of CRONIMET Ferroleg. GmbH and MoreAero GmbH arrives. The prevailing temperatures of 35 degrees are reminiscent of droughts in the American desert, where hundreds of discarded aircraft are parked. However, two Airbus A340s await a different fate at the Schwerin-Parchim airport.

The two aircraft of the airline China Eastern Airlines will be dismantled by CRONIMET Ferroleg. GmbH in cooperation with the partner MoreAero GmbH and the system partner Kiesel GmbH. CRONIMET acts thereby as an experienced expert in the recycling of raw materials. The partner MoreAero GmbH has the mobile recycling solution ready for the complex demolition.

A few years ago, the sustainable idea of returning important raw materials from aircraft to the raw material cycle was born. This resulted in the "Aviation Recycling" division of CRONIMET Ferroleg. GmbH, which was already certified by the Aircraft Fleet Recycling Association in 2015. While the focus had previously been on the certified deactivation and recycling of aircraft components, CRONIMET was now able to greatly expand its know-how in the recycling of entire aircraft with the dismantling of the Airbuses, thus expanding its business line.

‘CRONIMET returns important raw materials to the cycle through professional end-of-life management for aircraft and engines’, explains Gregor Zenkner, Head of Corporate Development at CRONIMET Ferroleg. GmbH.

More than 300 tons of mixed scrap were recovered from the two Airbus A340s. CRONIMET employees have already pre-sorted them on site. Then more than 30 articulated lorries transported the aircraft scrap to the port of Hamburg, where the scrap was separated into alloys. The metallic raw materials can then flow back into the raw material cycle. Impurities were separated and used as residual materials to generate energy.

At CRONIMET, the sustainable concept is not only firmly anchored in the values. It is the basic framework and the motivation for the business model. With the recycling of aircraft, a further major step has been taken towards the recycling of scarce raw materials.

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