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voestalpine supplies the rails and turnouts used to modernize streetcar infrastructure on Vienna's Ringstrasse

The first stage of replacing the streetcar lines on Vienna's Ringstrasse has recently concluded, and involved voestalpine premium quality rails and turnouts. Vienna's public transport authority, Wiener Linien, is updating a total of around 2 kilometers of track infrastructure by summer 2018, from Schwarzenbergplatz past the State Opera, Parliament, and on to the University. As the global market leader in complete turnout systems and a top supplier of high-quality rails, around the world the Metal Engineering Division at voestalpine is seen as a reliable partner when it comes to realizing sophisticated rail infrastructure projects. In the business year 2016/17, with revenue of EUR 1.4 billion, the voestalpine railway segment generated around twelve percent of the Group's revenue.

Railway operators in Austria, the rest of Europe, and also in North America, Asia, Australia, and a variety of Arab countries, all rely on voestalpine track systems. "As a leading provider of digitalized railway systems, we supply our products to some of the world's most famous infrastructure projects. But we are always delighted when innovative voestalpine railway technology is also used in our domestic market," says Franz Kainersdorfer, Member of the Management Board of voestalpine AG and Head of the Metal Engineering Division. The first stage of the Wiener Linien's maintenance work on the Ringstrasse concluded in March and involved installing 1,150 meters of track as well as several high-tech turnouts supplied by the Group. The innovative signaling and safety technology used to digitally monitor the track were also supplied by voestalpine. The next work stage is scheduled for the Pentecost long weekend. This will involve laying another 800 meters or more of high-quality rails, as well as additional turnouts and diamond crossings.

"As a long-term Wiener Linien partner, voestalpine rail infrastructure systems are in use throughout Vienna's public transport system. In addition to high-quality components such as rails and turnouts, intelligent complete solutions for digitally monitoring track and rolling stock are increasingly in demand," adds Franz Kainersdorfer. voestalpine also plays a significant role in realizing mass transit projects worldwide. The most recent orders include deliveries for the construction of streetcar and subway routes in major cities including Doha (Katar), Panama City (Panama), Bangkok (Thailand), Quito (Ecuador), Ho-Chi-Minh-City (Vietnam), Taipeh (Taiwan), Sydney and Canberra (Australia), and Ouagla and Constantine (Algeria).

Metal Engineering Division

The voestalpine Group's Metal Engineering Division is the global market leader in turnout technology and related signaling technology, as well as the leading European supplier of premium rails and quality wire. The division is also a leading provider of seamless tubes and high-quality welding consumables. Customer segments include the railway infrastructure industry, the oil and gas industry, the mechanical engineering and automotive industries, as well as the construction industry. In the

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business year 2016/17, the division and its Steel, Rail Technology, Wire Technology, Tubulars, Turnout Systems, and Welding Consumables business units generated revenue of around EUR 2.7 billion, of which 40% was generated outside of Europe. The division, with its more than 13,000 employees worldwide, reported an operating result (EBITDA) of EUR 361 million.

The voestalpine Group

In its business segments, voestalpine is a globally leading technology and capital goods group with a unique combination of materials and processing expertise. This global Group comprises about 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 top-quality products and system solutions using steel and other metals, the voestalpine Group is one of the leading partners of the automotive and consumer goods industries in Europe as well as the aerospace and oil & natural gas industries worldwide. voestalpine is also the world market leader in turnout technology, special rails, tool steel, and special sections. In the business year 2016/17, the Group generated revenue of EUR 11.3 billion, with an operating result (EBITDA) of EUR 1.54 billion; it had about 50,000 employees worldwide.

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