



Press Release

135 years of Böllinghaus Steel: An impressive combination of tradition, innovation and sustainable success

Hilden, Germany - Böllinghaus Steel, a traditional family business with 135 years of experience in the steel industry. As a manufacturer of stainless steel profiles, the company has always been characterized by progress, quality and a deep understanding of the individual requirements of its customers.

At a time when environmental awareness and efficiency are becoming increasingly important, Böllinghaus Steel continues to underline its commitment with new investments in the production site in Vieira de Leiria. Key features of these investments include energy savings, cost reduction, sustainability and CO2 reduction, and the associated sustainable contribution to environmental protection.

Portugal has been the production location for Böllinghaus Steel since 1996. The rolling mill in Portugal, which has been in operation for decades, has been regularly modernized and stands for Böllinghaus Steel's many years of expertise and innovative strength. A new and modern rolling mill was also built in 2023. "The expansion of the rolling mill is another milestone for our company - not only in terms of production and sales capacities for long stainless steel products, but also in terms of our ability to react quickly and flexibly to our customers' individual requirements and offer customized solutions," emphasizes Hartwig Härtel, Managing Director of Böllinghaus Steel.

The history of Böllinghaus Steel is characterized by a constant striving for improvement and innovation. This balance of the tried and tested and the new has made Böllinghaus Steel a reliable partner in various industries and has positioned it strongly to meet the requirements and challenges of the modern steel industry and to continue to be successful.

Product portfolio and specifications

Böllinghaus' product range includes long products made of stainless steel, titanium and nickel alloys. The focus is on a consistent focus on stainless steel products, ranging from flat steel to square and hexagonal steel as well as customized special profiles.

Rolled profiles

Square: 10 - 100 mm (4")

Flats: Width 12 - 200 mm and thickness 3 - 80 mm

Drawn profiles

Square: 8 - 100 mm (4")

Hexagonal: 8 - 100 mm (4")

Flats: Width from 12 - 200 mm and thickness 3 - 80 mm

Böllinghaus Steel also manufactures individual solutions promptly and to the highest quality. In close dialog with its customers, the company produces profiles with the tightest tolerances, in the desired grades, dimensions and processing techniques, tailored to the individual needs of its customers.

The company has also expanded its range of grades. Böllinghaus Steel offers special grades such as 17-4ph, 15-5ph, 13-8ph, various duplex variants and even high nickel alloys. This enables the company to offer special requirements depending on the intended use, whether it is the material property or the profile shape.

Böllinghaus Steel stands for precision in production and reliability in service. Quality is Böllinghaus' top priority. The global presence is also essential. Böllinghaus has a worldwide network of locations, from the head office in Hilden to the production site in Portugal and sales offices in the USA and Italy. Portugal is the perfect base for deliveries all over the world. This reliability is appreciated by customers and partners alike, and Böllinghaus has recently received several awards in the USA for its reliability.

Philip Torger, Chief Sales Officer, talks about logistical challenges: "Vehicle regulations, rising fuel prices and the pandemic presented us with particular challenges as a supplier in time-critical industries. We were only able to overcome these with the support of logistics partners who have close, long-term ties with us and share our values."

Nina Härtel sees the reasons for the company's success not only in its customer proximity and loyalty to its partners, but especially in its employees. "We value professional expertise and honest cooperation. It is important to be able to communicate openly with each other, to see yourself as part of a team and to act as such," she explains. Böllinghaus is also actively involved in social projects, both at the company site in Hilden and internationally. In Portugal, for example, a hospital and the local fire department were supported with donations. In Germany, the company is involved with the Child Protection Association. This social commitment is a valued family tradition that Nina Härtel would like to continue in the future of the company.

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About Böllinghaus Steel

Böllinghaus Steel can look back with pride on 135 years of tradition in steel production.

Founded in 1889 as Remscheider Walz- und Hammerwerk Böllinghaus & Co. KG, the long-established company is now being successfully run by the fifth generation.

Böllinghaus Steel is the specialist for hot-rolled and cold-drawn stainless steel profiles. The company produces high-quality standard and special profiles to international standards for customers all over the world.

Consistent customer orientation and a commitment to maximum quality are at the heart of the company's commitment. Whether for the chemical industry, mechanical engineering or for medical applications - Böllinghaus Steel provides customized and precisely fitting products in certified quality.

Böllinghaus Steel currently employs over 250 people in Germany, Portugal, the USA and Italy, making it the largest employer in the region around Vieira de Leiria, Portugal.

There has been a representative office in Chicago, USA, since 2016 and a branch in Milan, Italy, since 2020. Personal, deeply human contact with one another is what defines Böllinghaus Steel's corporate culture - and this transcends cultural boundaries.

