Press release



Aurubis AG: Third employee succumbs to injuries following serious industrial accident in Hamburg

Hamburg, May 15, 2023 – Following a serious industrial accident at multimetal company Aurubis' plant in Hamburg at around 2:30 a.m. on May 11, 2023, a third worker died on Friday of last week as a result of the accident. A first worker died shortly after arriving at the hospital immediately after the accident, and a second colleague died on the evening of May 11, 2023.

A nitrogen leak occurred during regular maintenance at the Primary Smelter Plant East (RWO). The three Aurubis employees were directly exposed. Rescue workers and the Plant Fire Department were immediately deployed.

"We are deeply saddened by this terrible tragedy," Aurubis CEO Roland Harings said. "Our hearts go out to their loved ones and everyone else affected. We want to express our deepest sympathy. There will be an internal memorial service for the deceased employees at the Hamburg plant on Tuesday at noon."

Aurubis is working closely with the authorities as they conduct a complete and detailed investigation into the root cause of the accident. An update will be provided as soon as the investigation is complete and reliable information is available.

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Aurubis AG is a leading global provider of non-ferrous metals and one of the largest copper recyclers worldwide. The company processes complex metal concentrates, scrap metals, organic and inorganic metal-bearing recycling materials, and industrial residues into metals of the highest quality. Aurubis produces more than 1 million tons of copper cathodes annually, and from them a variety of products such as wire rod, continuous cast shapes, profiles, and flat rolled products made of copper and copper alloys. Aurubis produces a number of other metals as well, including precious metals, selenium, lead, nickel, tin, and zinc. The portfolio also includes additional products such as sulfuric acid and iron silicate.

Sustainability is a fundamental part of the Aurubis strategy. "Aurubis responsibly transforms raw materials into value" – following this maxim, the company integrates sustainable conduct and business activities into the corporate culture. This involves a careful approach to natural resources, responsible social and ecological conduct in everyday business, and sensible, healthy growth.

Aurubis has around 7,100 employees, production sites in Europe and the US, and an extensive distribution network around the world.

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