

Aurubis continues expanding Hamburg multimetal hub: Investment in safer, highly efficient processing of valuable intermediates

- » **Construction of a highly automated facility for pre-processing metal-bearing intermediates — scheduled for completion in 2028**
- » **Modern sensor and x-ray technology will enable more precise valuation of high-value metals for processing**
- » **Aurubis is strengthening its multimetal expertise and adding central processing stages to its own smelter network**

Hamburg, October 7, 2026 — Aurubis AG, a leading global provider of non-ferrous metals and the largest copper recycler worldwide, is building a new facility to more efficiently pre-process metal-bearing intermediates through automated separation, sorting and sampling at the Hamburg site. The facility will be another milestone for processing complex raw material flows more safely and with even more precision in the future.

The investment project was approved last week, clearing the path for continued expansion of the multimetal expertise at the company's largest production site. The facility is scheduled for commissioning in late 2028. The investment will enhance the distinction between different metal phases, improve their valuation, and optimize material and process control. This will contribute to the site's future earnings while setting the stage for additional potential investments in the smelter network.

Hamburg continues developing its multimetal expertise

Following the successful commissioning of Complex Recycling Hamburg (CRH) in July 2026, a globally one-of-a-kind system for recycling strategic metals, Aurubis is continuing the site's development into a state-of-the-art hub for processing complex raw materials, recycling materials, and metallurgical intermediates. The new facility will complement existing production and recycling processes and boost the company's capability to manage and process valuable metals even more efficiently within its own smelter network.

"Growing global demand for strategically important raw materials is making it more imperative to control as many processing steps as possible and to efficiently manage valuable metals in our own smelter network. The new facility not only improves the transparency and quality of our material flows but elevates safety as well by replacing physically strenuous manual work. At the same time, we are reinforcing our multimetal know-how and our ability to treat strategically crucial metals as efficiently as we can within our network," Tim Kurth, COO Custom Smelting and Products at Aurubis AG, said.

Automation boosts safety and efficiency in processing complex materials

The new facility will pre-process and sort copper and precious metals-bearing materials into defined grain sizes. Modern sensor and x-ray technologies will separate the various material components with much more precision. This lays the

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foundation for representative sampling, and thus more reliable valuation of the metal contents. The intermediates can be directed to downstream processes more strategically as a result, making metal extraction more efficient. The new facility will also take over a great deal of this strenuous physical work in the future, significantly improving both efficiency and safety in this area.

“For Hamburg, the investment project is much more than a technical expansion. The new facility increases safety, improves our understanding of complex material flows, and helps us process valuable raw materials more efficiently. Together with projects like CRH, it fortifies the Hamburg site’s role as the central multimetal hub within the Aurubis network and drives modernization of the plant,” Aurubis Hamburg Plant Manager Dima Kirilov stated.

Contributing to environmental protection: Further reduction in direct and diffuse dust emissions

The new facility will be constructed in a closed building with modern filtration, extraction and sorting technology. This enhances control in processing material streams, reduces dust-intensive work stages, and further improves working conditions. The new facility comprises a two-stage pre-processing and sorting installation with sensor and x-ray technology, automated material pre-processing systems, and the related infrastructure including a production hall, a filter system, extraction technology, a substation, and cranes.

Aurubis — Metals for Progress

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 7,200 employees, production sites in Europe and the US, and an extensive distribution network around the world.

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