

Rheinwerk Neuss: An integrated, flexible metal source

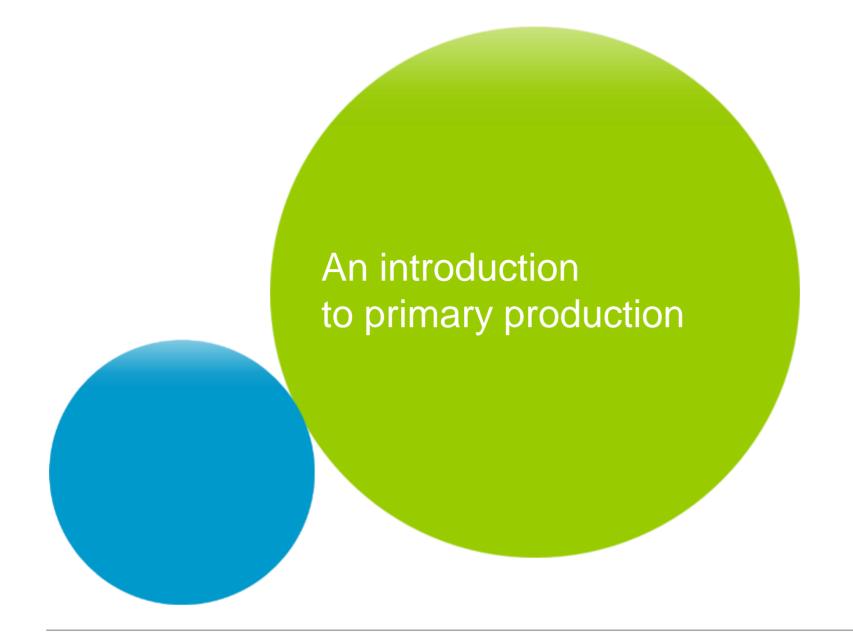
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## **Welcome to Rheinwerk!**









## Transforming the way we use energy

Energy efficient, low-emission electrolysis



Reduce energy consumption, improve cell efficiency, CO2 capture ready cells

Primary production

Lighter vehicles



Reduce fossil fuel consumption and GHG emissions by making cars lighter Zero energy buildings



Reduce energy consumption and GHG emissions from buildings Increase solar energy efficiency



Reduce fossil fuel emissions by contributing to making solar energy solutions lighter, simpler and cheaper Packaging that reduces waste



Reduce GHG emissions from food production by conserving and protecting food better Recycling and reuse



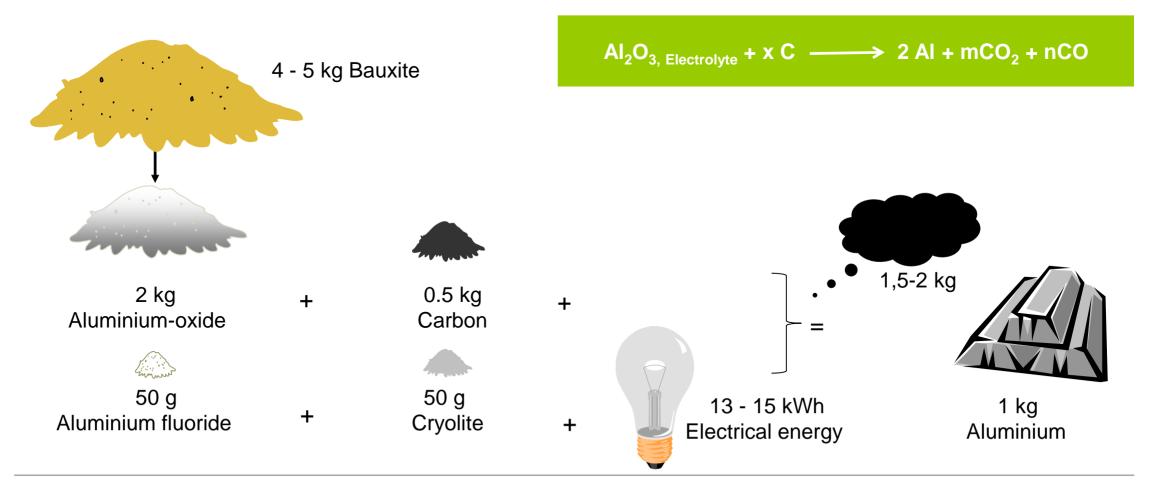
Reduce waste and energy consumption in a world of limited resources by recycling aluminium endlessly

Aluminium in use

Recycling

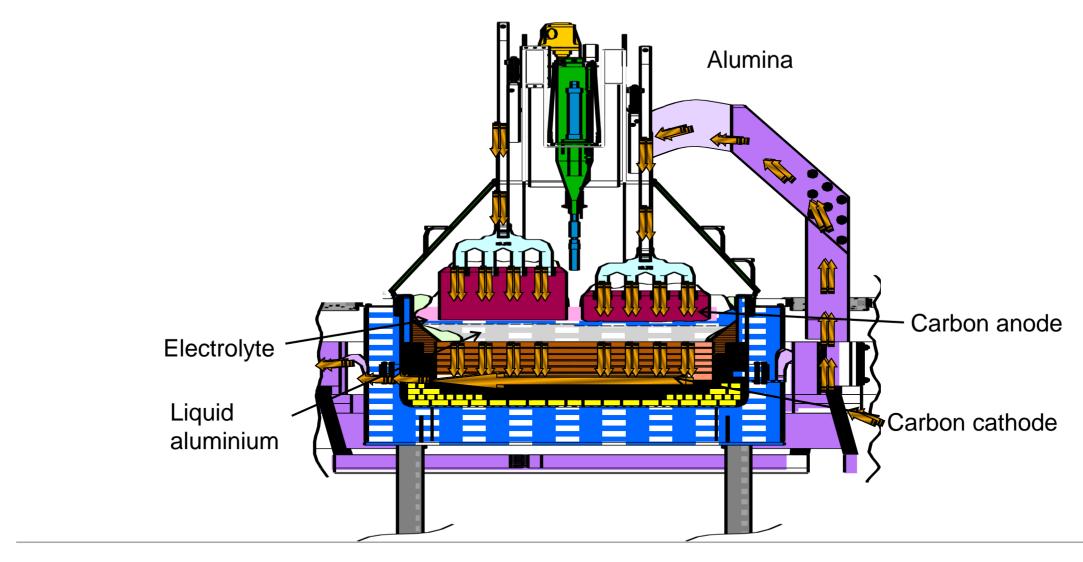


# Raw materials to produce 1 kg aluminium

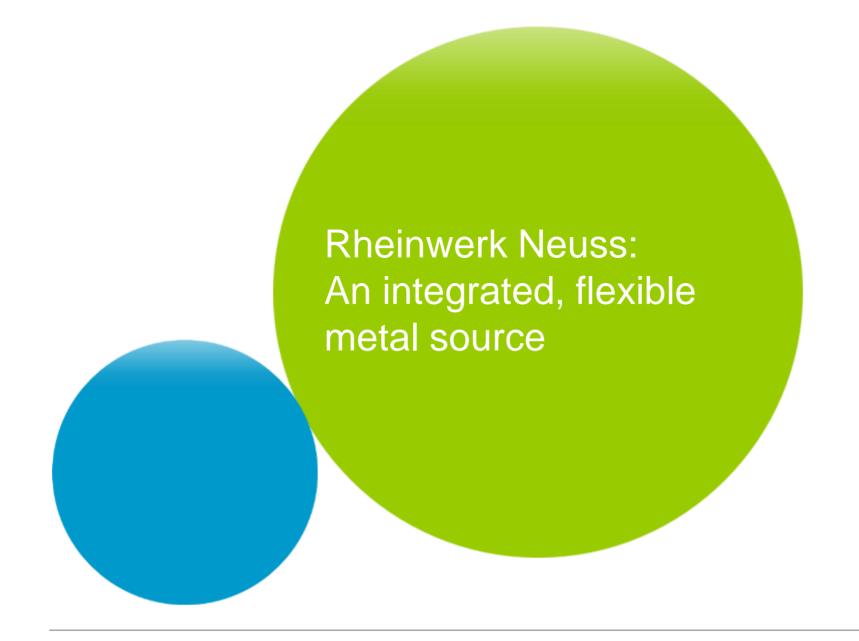




#### **Aluminium cell**









## Unique «Aluminium triangle» utilizing logistical, cost and process synergies





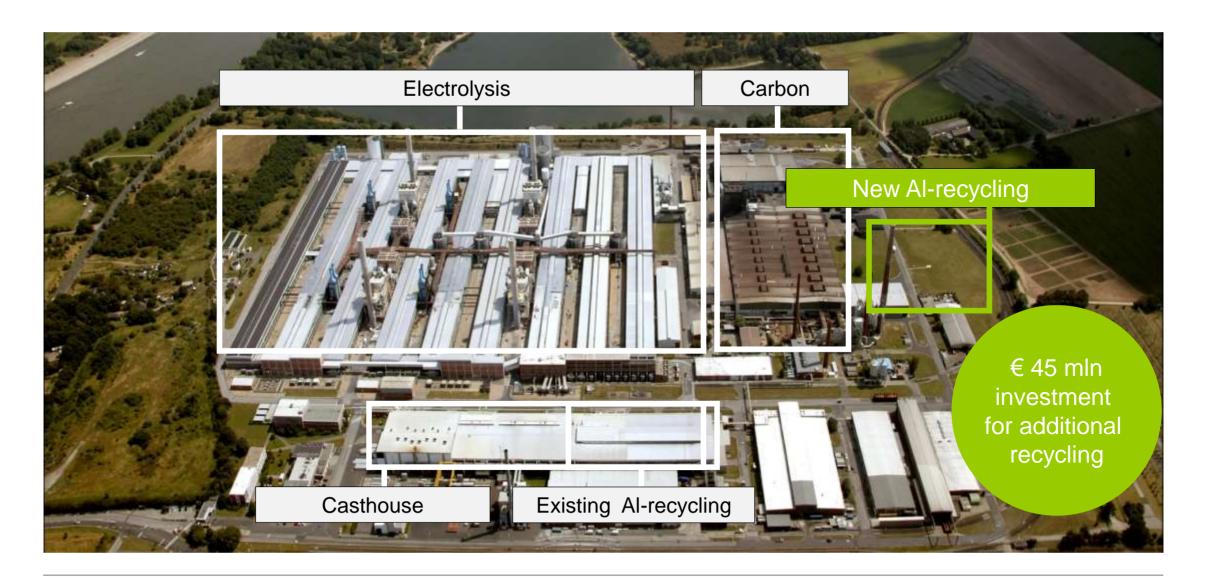
#### **Rheinwerk Neuss**

The biggest aluminium smelter in Germany



- First green field smelter in BRD
  - Start-up in 1962
  - Expansions in 1970 and 1981
  - Continuous modernizations
- Part of Rolled Products
- Production capacities installed:
  - 190 kt baked anodes
  - 230 kt primary aluminium
  - 400 kt sheet ingots
- Energy demand of 400 MW at full production



























#### **Rheinwerk Carbon Plant**

Efficient and sustainable supply of anodes to our electrolysis

#### **Customers**

Internal: Rheinwerk

External potential: 45.000 t/a surplus capacity installed

#### **Capacity**

200,000 mtpy green anodes (production 120,000) 190,000 mtpy baked anodes (production 95,000) 130,000 mtpy rodded anodes (production 95,000)

#### **Employees**

approx. 95





## **Rheinwerk Electrolysis**

155.000 t/a liquid aluminium delivered to our casthouse with clear value chain benefits

#### Capacity

• 230,000 kt (production 155,000)

#### **Energy**

Amperage: 180 kA

• Current efficiency: 94 %

• Energy consumption: 13.8 kWh/kg Al

#### Set up

• Potlines: 3

• Pots: 474

#### **Employees**

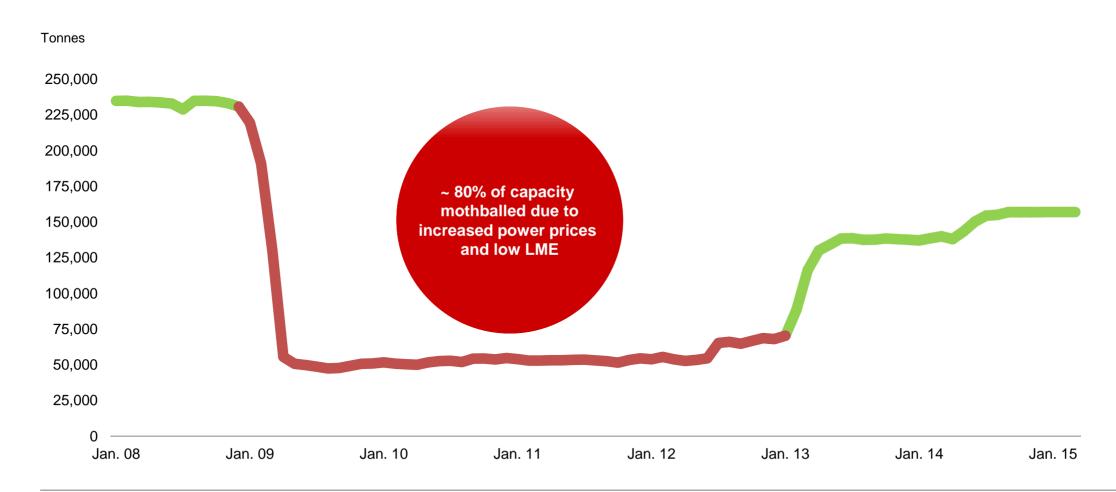
Approx. 200





## Electrolysis production 2008 – 2015

Successful restart of mothballed capacity to 67% of installed capacity finalized in 2014





## **Current situation of Electrolysis**

Up to 75.000 t/a capacity still mothballed





### **Benchmark Rheinwerk Electrolysis:**

Operational parameters in comparison with peers demonstrate position and further potential

Current efficiency

**Energy consumption** 

Net anode consumption

Gross anode consumption

Anode effect frequency

Anode effect duration

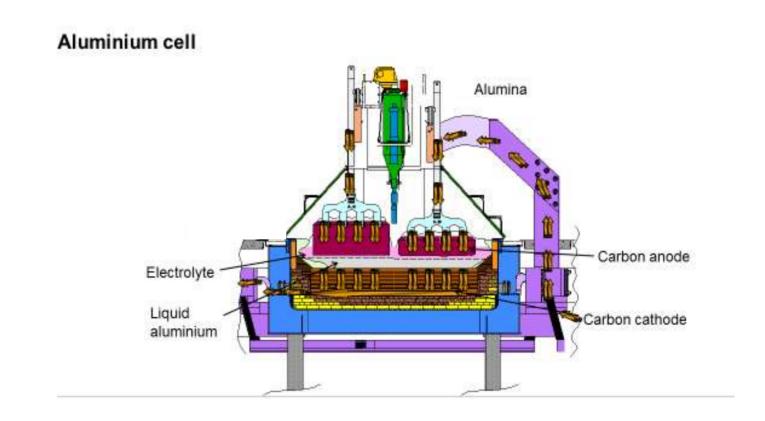
Anode effect minutes

Age of cells in operation

Age of shut down cells

Total production cost

Fixed cost





## Rheinwerk participates in regulation of interruptable load (AbLaV)

Our contribution to Germany's energy turnaround: virtual "power plant capability"



Stabilization of public grid in times of huge variations

235 MW in up to 15 minutes

Further flexibility: Peak shaving, power modulation and secondary reserve



## Stabilization of German power grid during Solar eclipse March 20th 2015:

Rheinwerk demonstrated flexibility and was called to shut down and start four times





#### **Rheinwerk Casthouse**

High quality products combined with short lead times and flexibility for optimized metal flow

#### **Customers**

Hydro Rolling Mills (AluNorf & Grevenbroich)

#### Capacity

• 400,000 kt (production 230,000)

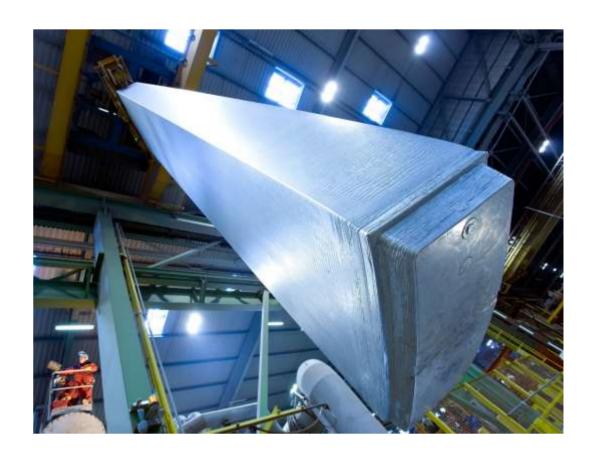
#### **Sheet Ingot**

- Max. I = 9,100 mm
- w = 2,200 mm
- h = 600 mm

#### **Employees**

• Approx. 120

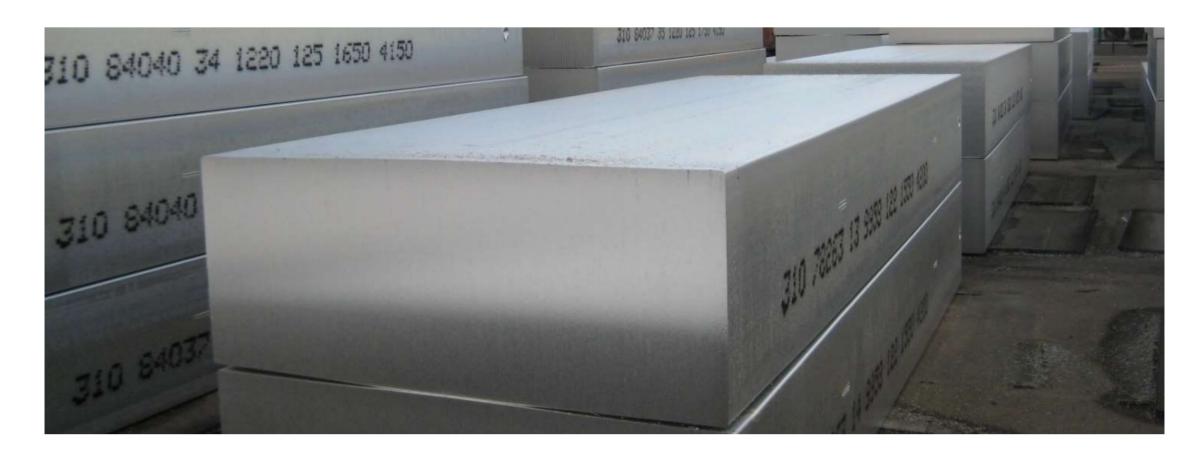
Low reject rate, high delivery performance





# **Our final product:**

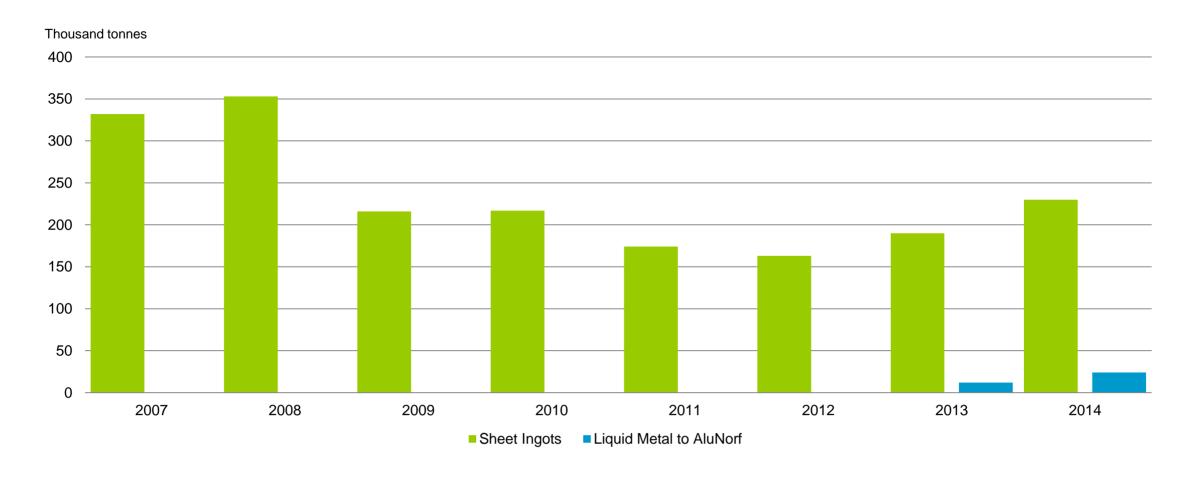
Sheet ingots ready for further processing: portfolio to be high-graded with auto and can alloys





## Production in casthouse also impacted by electrolysis

Focus in the recent years on high flexibility regarding metal sources and balance downstream





## Casthouse: Today's metal balance



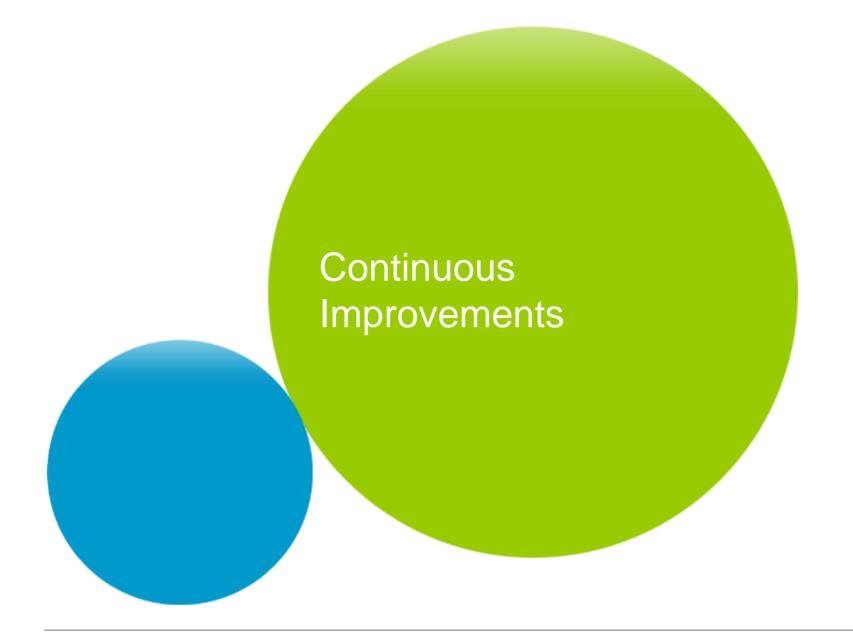


- + 155,000 mt primary metal from electrolysis
- + 20,000 mt external used scrap
- + 45,000 mt process scrap from downstream
- + 30,000 mt ingots



- 230,000 mt sheet ingots
  Rheinwerk casthouse
- 20,000 mt liquid transport to AluNorf







### Safety, our number one priority!

#### **Equipment**

Reduce or remove underlying risks by updating and upgrading critical equipment and systems

#### **Processes**

 Reduce the operational risks through systematic analysis of risks, elimination of unnecessary processes and reduction of instability through the implementation of the Aluminium Metal Production System (AMPS) Principles.

#### **Behavior**

• Create ownership to safe behavior and safety culture through involvement, clear procedures, visible leadership and feedback.



# Loyal, motivated and competent employees are the best guarantee to achieve our goals

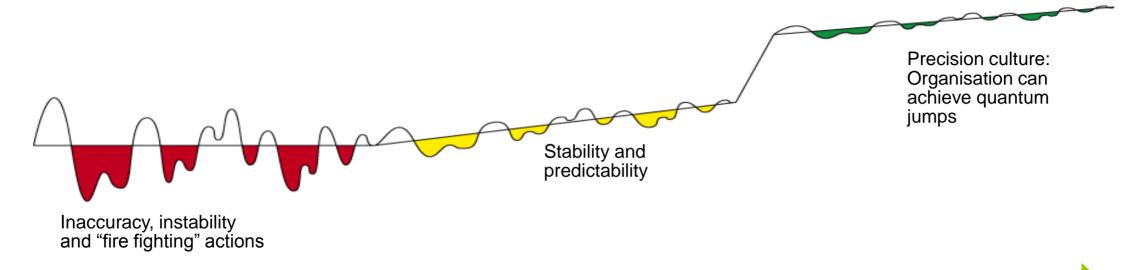




## **Aluminium Metal Production System (AMPS):**

A fundamental philosophy for continuous improvements

First class production requires stability



**AMPS** 



# Utilization of Aluminium Metal Production System as a platform to continuously improve our processes through our people

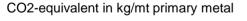


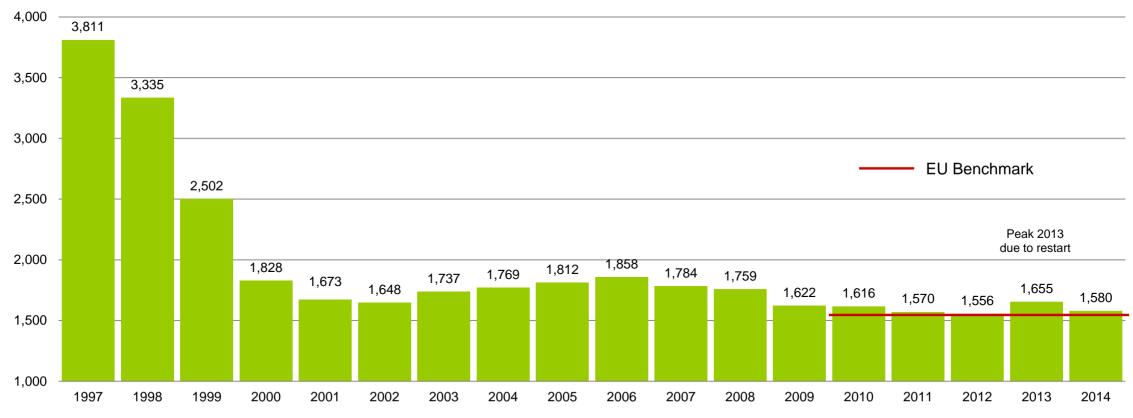




## Rheinwerk close to European CO<sub>2</sub> Benchmark

Further improvement potentials identified to meet or beat the benchmark in the future

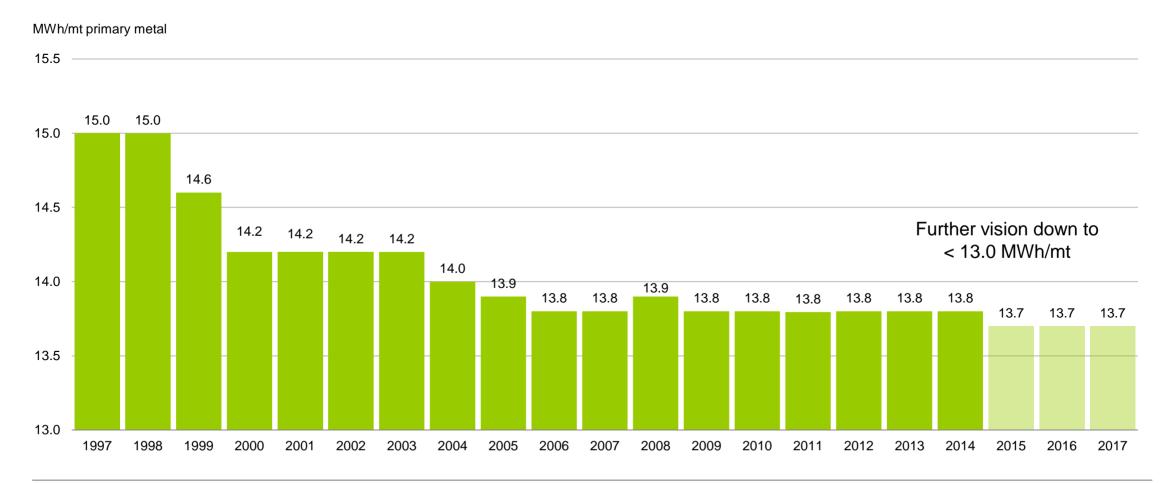






## Concrete measures in place to further reduce energy consumption

Developing the next generation electrolysis cell for Rheinwerk





### Increase recycling of aluminium through new investments and synergies

UBC line and remelt capability in existing assets will more than double recycling volume in 2016

2007: Recycling furnace S2

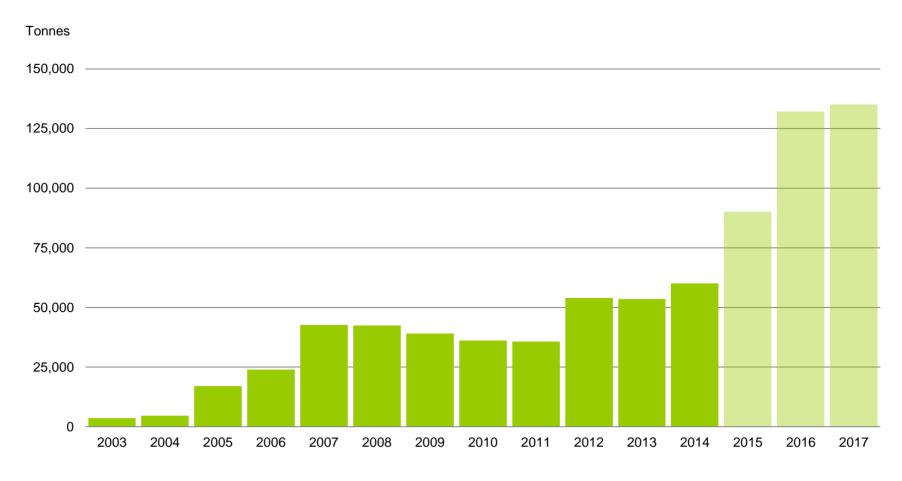


2012: Liquid metal to AluNorf



2016: Used beverage cans (UBC)









## Strengthening of recycling position through UBC\* recycling line

The new plant will replace ~50.000 t/a imported primary ingots through recycling of UBCs



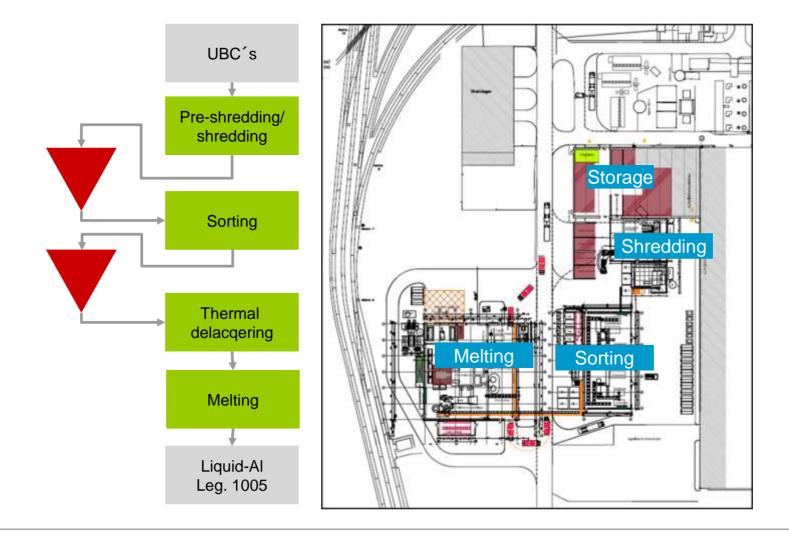
#### Establishing strong recycling position

- Fulfilling customer needs and strengthening beverage can market position
- Improving metal cost position
- € 45 million investment
- Start of production end 2015
- Contribution towards 2020 carbon neutrality target



<sup>\*</sup> UBC: Used beverage can

# **Process Layout UBC-Line**





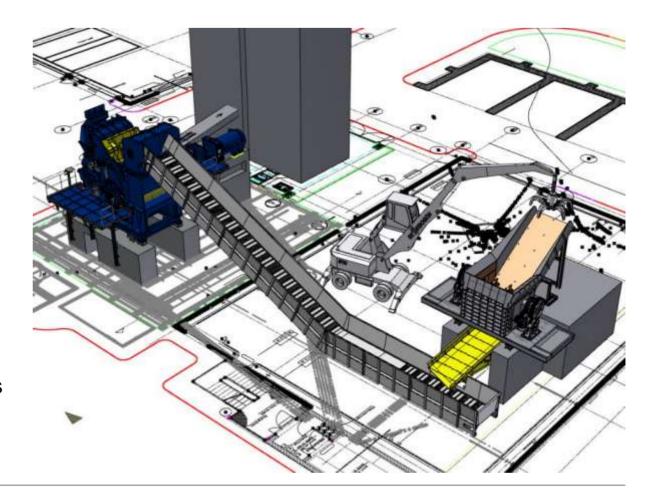
#### **UBC** shredder unit

#### Overview

- a. Shredding the cans for optimal sorting
  - i. contamination such as "plastic widgets" in special beer cans must be exposed by the shredding (Guinness / bitter beer)
- b. Shredding the cans for optimal delacquering
  - i. both sides of the aluminium can (inside / outside) must be open
  - ii. target grain size: 50mm

#### Technical challenge

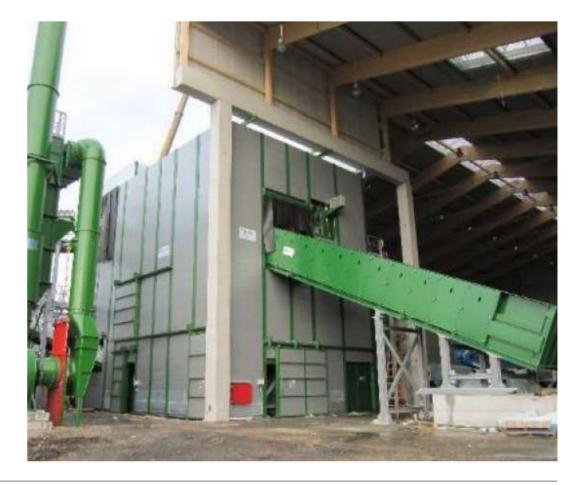
- 1. scrap composition
- 2. shape and density of scrap bales and packages





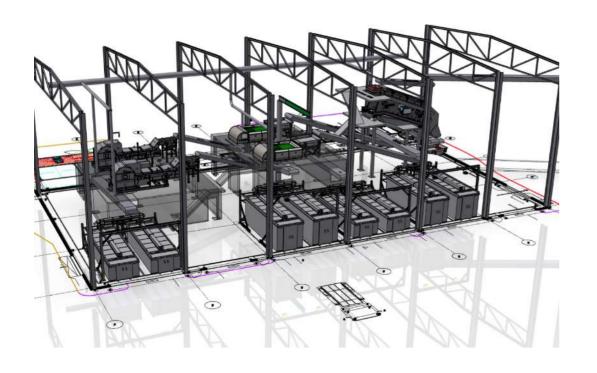
## Bale braker and hammer mill







# Sorting line, furnace and delaquering



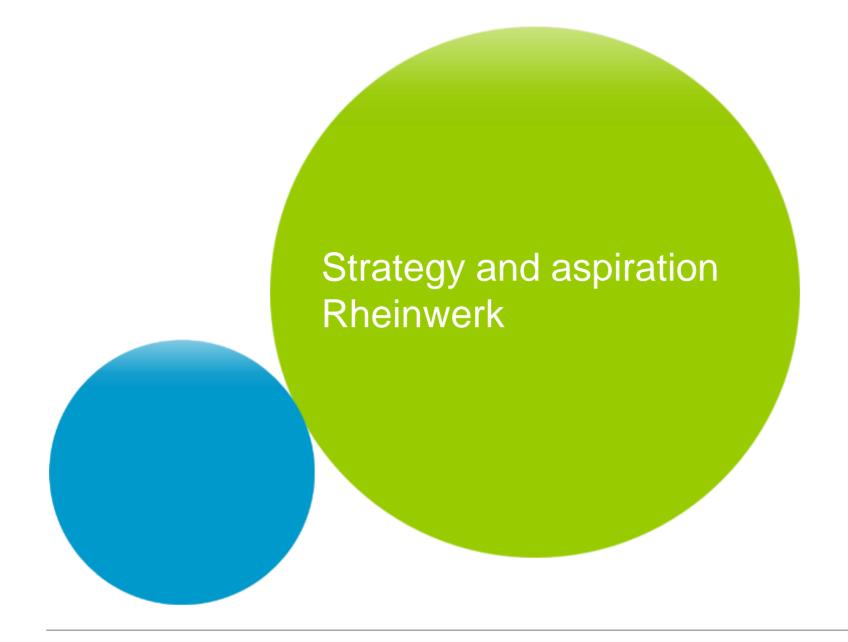




# **UBC-Centre:** Laying of the foundation stone (April 27<sup>th.</sup> 2015)









## Rheinwerk strategic goals until 2016

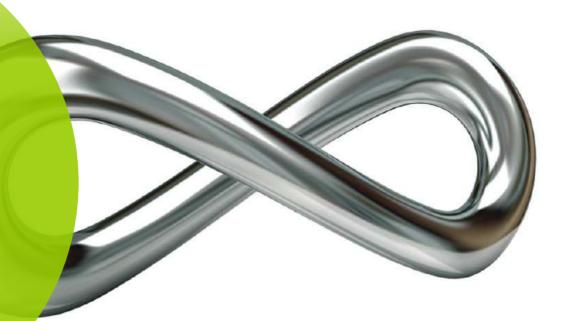
- 1 Safety as culture
- 2 Further develop synergies with rolling operations
- 3 Continuously develop human capital
- 4 Fit for automotive
- 5 Successful commissioning of UBC
- 6 Process & system stabilization
- **7** Cost stabilization
- 8 Developing "Next Generation Rheinwerk Smelter"





#### Our vision 2020

With competent and engaged staff, we are the sustainable, most flexible metal source in Rolled Products, contributing to become the No. 1 in Europe.



Better Bigger Greener



