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KEY FIGURES OF THE GROUP

P&L KEY FIGURES EUR '000	**H1 2023**	**H1 2022**	**Δ**	**Δ %**
Group Revenues	**100,563**	115,251	-14,688	-12.7%
Total Output	**100,377**	117,528	-17,151	-14.6%
Gross Profit*	**48,543**	49,548	-1,005	-2.0%
EBITDA	**8,260**	17,341	-9,081	-52.4%
EBIT	**4,257**	13,862	-9,605	-69.3%
Consolidated Net Profit	**1,525**	10,508	-8,983	-85.5%

BALANCE SHEET KEY FIGURES EUR '000	**30.06.2023**	**31.12.2022**	**Δ**	**Δ %**
Fixed assets	**75,028**	73,462	1,566	2.1%
Current assets	**62,709**	56,775	5,934	10.5%
Equity	**75,203**	77,464	-2,261	-2.9%
Equity ratio	**54.0 %**	59.0 %		
Liabilities	**53,534**	45,057	8,477	18.8%
Balance sheet total	**139,162**	131,341	7,821	6.0%

OTHER KEY FIGURES	**H1 2022**	**H1 2021**	**Δ**	**Δ %**
Employees (average of period)	**911**	812	99	12.2%

*Gross profit: Temporary staff are reported under personnel expenses and not under cost of materials, as this is more in line with the Group's economic approach.

LETTER FROM THE MANAGEMENT BOARD

Dear Shareholders,

Dear Customers and Business Partners,

The economic environment continued to present us with particular challenges in the first half of 2023. Admittedly, some of the negative influencing factors have weakened significantly again in recent months - such as the pandemic and, to a large extent, the general supply chain problems. However, these days, one can be almost certain that the subsiding of one negative factor will be accompanied almost simultaneously by the emergence of new problems.

In the first six months of the current fiscal year, it was primarily the significantly changing interest rate environment that caused the economic engine to stutter more and more, after it had already been thrown out of gear by the sharp rise in energy prices and inflation in general. And very recently, due to the significantly increased inventory levels in many companies caused by supply chain issues, new mischief is forming in the form of the so-called bullwhip effect, which is once again posing significant challenges to supply chains.

As a specialist in the packaging industry, the economic development of the Ringmetall Group is always affected by changes in the economic cycle at an early stage, if only because of its product range. Already at the turn of the year 2023, we abruptly felt the changed demand situation in the chemical industry through declining incoming orders. To date, this important customer industry for us has suffered significantly from higher energy costs. For a few months now, there have been signs of a significant drop in demand in other industries - for example in the automotive and furniture sectors - flanked by a marked slowdown in consumer spending.

In view of the environment, which represents a clear challenge for our company, we closed the first half of 2023 on a relatively solid footing. Overall, however, our consolidated revenue was down 12.7 percent at EUR 100.6 million. Since Ringmetall is now diversified with a much broader product range than a few years ago and a large number of different customer industries, our decline in revenue is significantly less than is currently the case in the chemical industry, for example. Since the beginning of the year, we have been countering the negative trend in the aforementioned industries through cost savings and efficiency enhancement measures. Although our earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization (EBITDA) of EUR 8.3 million were only half as high as in the same period of the previous year. However, this figure includes non-recurring effects from the deconsolidation of the Group subsidiary HSM, which was sold on June 30, and the associated closure of the Industrial Handling segment. Excluding these effects, which total around EUR -4.6 million, EBITDA would have been around EUR 12.9 million, a decrease of 25.8 percent.

As a company with a long-term focus, the current environment also offers us increasing opportunities in further company acquisitions. With Protective Lining and Liner Factory, we have already made two acquisitions in the first half of 2023 and have thus - through the acquisition of Protective Lining - also entered the highly attractive US market for drum liners. Financially, we continue to see ourselves in a good position to take advantage of the economic slowdown for further attractive buying opportunities.

It is also important to emphasize at this point that we already anticipated the current economic environment to some extent in our full-year forecast at the beginning of the year. In our view, the new outlook we formulated in the course of the sale of HSM also continues to adequately reflect current developments on the market. Accordingly, we are reaffirming our outlook for the full year and continue to expect consolidated revenue in the range of EUR 175 to 195 million with EBITDA in the range of EUR 13 to 18 million. The outlook is based on unchanged raw material prices and exchange rates compared to June 30, 2023. It does not include effects from acquisitions planned in the further course of the year, including transaction costs.

As always, we would like to take this opportunity to thank our employees for their daily commitment and hard work. At the same time, we would like to thank the shareholders of our company and hope that we can continue to count on your support in these turbulent times.

Munich, September 2023

Sincerely,

The Management Board of Ringmetall SE

Christoph Petri | Konstantin Winterstein

INTERIM GROUP MANAGEMENT REPORT FOR THE PERIOD FROM 1 JANUARY 2023 to 30 JUNE 2023

BUSINESS MODEL AND STRUCTURE

Ringmetall is a leading global specialty supplier in the packaging industry. The majority of the product portfolio is focused on highly secure packaging solutions for industrial drums. While the focus is on the market for drum clamping rings, the Group is consistently expanding its operating business into adjacent business areas. The aim is to be a clear market leader in all areas of the core business.

Ringmetall emerged from its predecessor company, H.P.I. Holding AG, in 2015 by change of name and adjustment of the business model. H.P.I. Holding in turn was founded in 1997 as a holding company. In 2021, the change of legal form from Ringmetall AG to a European Company (Societas Europaea - SE) was completed with the change of name to Ringmetall SE.

Since the change of the company's name and the adjustment of the business model, Ringmetall has been operating as a specialized industrial holding company in the two business segments Industrial Packaging and Industrial Handling. Ringmetall develops, produces and markets packaging solutions for use in the chemical, pharmaceutical and food industries, as well as products for warehouse logistics and the agricultural sector. In addition, Ringmetall has used its many years of expertise to develop optimized clamping rings as new efficient tube connections that are to be used in the future in plant construction, among other areas. The related product developments are currently in the market launch phase.

In the Industrial Packaging Division, the Ringmetall Group produces packaging elements for industrial drums and multi-component systems. The product range in the Industrial Packaging division primarily includes closure clamping rings as well as inliners and bag-in-box systems. The company also produces drum lids, gaskets, handles, complex closure units, and special components to customer specifications with a wide range of dimensions, quality levels, and usage profiles. The product group of clamping rings represents the Group's proportionately largest sales driver, followed by inliners and bag-in-box systems. Ringmetall produces a total of over 2,500 different types of clamping rings and over 4,000 different types of inliners.

In the market for industrial drums, the company focuses primarily on the special requirements of so-called open-top drums, and here specifically steel drums, plastic drums, fiber drums, and pails. In 2019, the company also entered the market for inner liners for industrial drums and multi-component systems. Since then, the Group has also been offering product solutions for Closed Top Drums and other packaging solutions such as Bag-in-Box systems, a special packaging for liquids.

In the Industrial Handling Division, the Ringmetall Group manufactures vehicle attachments for special vehicles used in freight and warehouse logistics as well as in the agricultural sector. In addition to attachments and trailer couplings for tractors, agricultural machinery and trucks, these include above all restraint systems for industrial trucks. However, lift mast parts, clutch and brake pedals with special requirement profiles, hydraulic components and complex welding assemblies are also part of the product range. Effective June 30, 2023, the Ringmetall Group discontinued its operating activities in the Industrial Handling business segment through the sale of the subsidiary HSM.

The Ringmetall Group has a holding structure in which the subsidiaries assigned to the two business segments are linked to the parent company. This Munich-based holding company, Ringmetall SE, which is listed in the General Standard, combines central Group functions. This primarily includes the areas of finance and Group financing, investor relations, IT, strategy and corporate development, as well as the preparation and implementation of corporate acquisitions.

In addition to the holding company, the Group consisted of a total of 24 companies at the end of the first half of 2023. Of these, 17 companies are operationally active, four companies are purely intermediate holding companies and three companies are administrative units.

ECONOMIC REPORT FOR THE 1ST HALF-YEAR 2023

GENERAL ECONOMIC SITUATION

In its publication on the economic situation in Germany in July 2023, the Federal Ministry of Economics and Climate Protection (BMWK) believes that the economic situation is still characterized by a high degree of uncertainty and heterogeneous data. The latest data on economic indicators, in particular on new orders and industrial production, pointed to moderate underlying economic momentum following a noticeable slowdown at the end of the first quarter. Despite the gloomier mood among companies, the recent stabilization in demand points to a gradual recovery in industrial activity in the coming months.

Retail sales excluding motor vehicles increased slightly in May from the previous month for the second month in a row. However, private consumers continued to be uncertain. In real terms, private consumption is not expected to provide any major growth impetus in the coming months either. Consumer price inflation accelerated again somewhat in June to 6.4 percent (May: +6.1 percent). The rate of core inflation also rose by 0.4 percentage points to 5.8 percent.

After the labor market had long been largely unaffected by the difficult economic situation, the situation had deteriorated noticeably in June as a result of the economic slowdown. Registered unemployment increased further and employment fell. However, in view of the existing shortage of skilled workers, unemployment is not expected to rise sharply.

In its World Economic Outlook Update of July 2023, the International Monetary Fund predicts a slowdown in the global upswing and expects significant differences in growth between individual economic sectors and regions. Although the outlook for 2023 was slightly higher than predicted at the beginning of the year, it remained weak by historical standards. Central bank rate hikes to combat inflation continue to weigh on economic activity. Headline global inflation is expected to fall from 8.7 percent in 2022 to 6.8 percent in 2023 and 5.2 percent in 2024. Underlying inflation (core inflation) is expected to decline gradually, and forecasts for inflation in 2024 have been revised upward, he said. In most economies, the primary objective remains to achieve sustained disinflation while ensuring financial stability, he said.

BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT AND SITUATION OF THE RINGMETALL GROUP

General business development

In addition to the many general economic challenges in the first half of the year - such as the ongoing war in Ukraine, the sharp change in the interest rate environment and inflation - it was above all the poor economic condition of the chemical industry that had a significant negative impact on business development in the Ringmetall Group. Inventory reduction effects on the part of this customer group intensified the organic decline in sales, which manifested itself in lower demand for clamping rings but also inliners.

In addition to the many general economic challenges in the first half of the year - such as the ongoing Ukraine war, the strongly changed interest rate environment of inflation - it was above all the poor economic condition of the chemical industry that had a significant negative impact on the business development in the Ringmetall Group. Inventory reduction effects on the part of this customer group intensified the organic decline in sales, which manifested itself in lower demand for clamping rings but also inliners.

In addition to the above-mentioned macroeconomic and industry-related factors, which had a negative impact on sales, declining raw material prices also had a dampening effect on Group revenue. Consequently, this fell by 12.7 percent to EUR 100.6 million (H1 2022: EUR 115.3 million). The acquisitions Protective Lining and Liner Factory, which were consolidated for the first time in the first half of the year, contributed EUR 5.0 million to revenue in the first half of the year. Earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization (EBITDA) decreased by 52.4 percent to EUR 8.3 million (H1 2021: EUR 17.3 million). This includes a one-time negative special effect from the sale of the subsidiary HSM, which was completed with effect from June 30, 2023. The transaction leads to one-time deconsolidation effects of EUR -4.6 million. The EBITDA margin was also down on the previous year at 8.2 percent (H1 2022: 14.8 percent).

Net assets, financial position and results of operations

The Group's total assets of EUR 139.2 million as of June 30, 2023 increased by EUR 7.8 million compared to year-end 2022 (31.12.2022: EUR 131.3 million). This is mainly due to the usual higher trade receivables during the year and the acquisitions. As the shortage of raw materials on the world markets has largely disappeared, resulting in a good supply capability, inventories were reduced again. Inventories fell by EUR 2.8 million to EUR 23.0 million. Equity decreased by EUR 2.3 million to EUR 75.2 million. At 54.0 percent, the equity ratio was slightly lower than in the previous year (31.12.2022: 59.0 percent) as a consequence of the increase in total assets and the lower equity.

With regard to the acquisition of Protective Lining, the preliminary purchase price allocation (IFRS 3) shows net assets of EUR 3.4 million and goodwill of EUR 3.3 million as of the reporting date. Due to the acquisition of SVD-Verpackungen GmbH and its subsidiary Liner Factory GmbH & Co. KG resulted in net assets of EUR 4.1 million and goodwill of EUR 1.9 million according to the preliminary purchase price allocation (IFRS 3). Effective March 31, 2023, the remaining 20 percent of the shares in Nittel France SARL were acquired. This company was already fully consolidated in the past under the disclosure of non-controlling interests. Accordingly, the carrying amounts of the assets and liabilities remain unchanged.

As of June 30, 2023, Ringmetall transferred all shares in HSM GmbH & Co. KG and its management company to HSM Präzisionsteile & Sicherheitssysteme GmbH i. Gr., a subsidiary of Theilen Holding GmbH, Miltenberg. This resulted in a one-time negative special effect of EUR 4.6 million, which is reported under other expenses.

Hollandring B.V. is in liquidation and was deconsolidated as of June 30, 2023. The deconsolidation effect amounts to EUR -1 thousand and is recognized in other expenses.

In terms of individual items, the largest increase of EUR 9.3 million compared with the end of 2022 was on the assets side in trade receivables, as is customary during the year, and intangible assets of EUR 2.6 million due to the expansion of the scope of consolidation to include the companies Protective Lining and Liner Factory. Cash and cash equivalents of EUR 5.7 million decreased by EUR 2.4 million (31.12.2022: EUR 8.1 million), mainly due to acquisitions and investments.

At EUR 1.3 million, cash outflows for investments in non-current assets were slightly higher than in H1 2022 (H1 2022: EUR 1.0 million). Cash outflows for additions to the scope of consolidation amounting to EUR 12.5 million rose sharply year-on-year due to acquisitions (H1 2022: EUR 4.1 million). At EUR -13.8 million, cash flow from investing activities is therefore significantly above the level of the previous year (H1 2022: EUR 5.0 million). The cash flow from financing activities shows a higher balance of cash inflows (borrowing of financial loans) and cash outflows (repayment of financial loans) of EUR 8.2 million (H1 2022: EUR 6.1 million). It is a higher dividend payment than in the previous year of EUR 3.3 million (H1 2022: EUR 3.1 million). Due to higher interest rates and the higher loan amount, interest payments also increased to EUR 0.8 million (H1 2022: EUR 0.3 million). This results in an inflow of EUR 2.6 million in the first half of 2023 (H1 2022: EUR 1.5 million). The cash flow from operating activities of EUR 8.4 million (H1 2022: EUR 4.3 million) results from the reduction of trade receivables and the increase in trade payables as well as effects from changes in the scope of consolidation, weakened by the significantly worse result for the period.

Within non-current and current liabilities, there were significant changes in financial liabilities, other provisions and trade accounts payable. In the course of the acquisitions, non-current financial liabilities increased to EUR 25.6 million (31.12.2022: EUR 21.4 million). Current other provisions of EUR 6.5 million showed a higher balance than at the end of the year (31.12.2022: EUR 5.6 million), as is usual at mid-year and due to the acquisitions. The increase in trade payables by EUR 2.8 million to EUR 13.5 million includes the acquisitions as well as the usual higher values during the year. Overall, Ringmetall continues to have a solid financing structure to secure further growth.

The Industrial Handling segment increased revenues by 5.8 percent to EUR 8.3 million compared to H1 2022. In contrast, however, revenues in the Industrial Packaging segment were down 14.1 percent to EUR 92.3 million. Only in the Industrial Packaging Liners product area did revenues increase by 34.4 percent to EUR 25.4 million, largely driven by the acquisitions of Protective Lining and Liner Factory. The larger Industrial Packaging Rings product area generated revenues of EUR 66.9 million due to volume and price declines. Overall, revenues decreased by 12.7 percent from EUR 115.3 million to EUR 100.6 million.

Other income decreased to EUR 0.5 million (H1 2022: EUR 1.7 million), after being impacted in the previous year by proceeds of EUR 1.2 million from the advantageous purchase (bargain purchase) of Rhein-Plast GmbH.

The gross profit margin, i.e. total output less cost of materials in relation to total output, was up on the previous year's period at 48.4 percent (H1 2022: 42.2 percent), also due to declining raw material prices. This is also reflected in the gross profit margins in the Industrial Packaging Segment and the Industrial Handling Segment.

Personnel expenses increased from EUR 23.5 million to EUR 25.4 million. This was mainly due to the acquisitions of Protective Lining and Liner Factory and the associated increase in the number of employees by a total of 102.

Other expenses increased by EUR 5.1 million to EUR 15.2 million. Of this amount, EUR 4.6 million is attributable to the one-time deconsolidation effect in connection with the sale of HSM alone. The further increase is mainly attributable to the acquisitions of Protective Lining and Liner Factory.

Summarizing overall statement

Due to the many general economic challenges in the first half of the year - such as the ongoing war in Ukraine, the sharp change in the interest rate environment and inflation - it was primarily the poor economic condition of the chemical industry that had a significant negative impact on the business development of the Ringmetall Group. Inventory reduction effects on the part of this customer group exacerbated the organic decline in revenues, which was reflected in lower demand in the Industrial Packaging Rings product area. The acquisitions made in the Industrial Packaging Liners product area did not fully compensate for the decline in the Industrial Packaging Rings product area. This was reflected in revenues in the Industrial Packaging segment in the form of a decline to EUR 92.3 million and EBITDA to EUR 14.4 million. The Industrial Handling segment increased revenues to EUR 8.3 million with EBITDA of EUR 0.5 million. Overall, the Ringmetall Group generated revenues of EUR 100.6 million and EBITDA of EUR 8.3 million, with EBITDA reduced by EUR 4.6 million due to the one-time special effect from the deconsolidation of HSM. Accordingly, Ringmetall published a new forecast for the full year 2023 on June 30, in which the company now expects consolidated revenue of between EUR 175 million and EUR 195 million (previously: EUR 195 million to EUR 220 million) with EBITDA of between EUR 13 million and EUR 18 million (previously: EUR 22 million to EUR 28 million).

RISK AND OPPORTUNITY REPORT

Taking into account the respective probabilities of occurrence and the potential financial impact of the risks explained in the Annual Report 2022 and against the background of the current business outlook, the Management Board does not expect any substantial threat to or impairment of the Company's ability to continue as a going concern.

The war between Russia and Ukraine presents the economy as a whole with a significantly higher level of previously non-existent risks. These include the risks from a general economic slowdown against the backdrop of inflation, from the availability and price level of production-relevant energy sources - also from the perspective of the end customer industries of the Ringmetall Group. The Company assesses the risks associated with the Ukraine war as "medium".

Ringmetall operates a plant in Turkey. Due to the continuing political uncertainties within Turkey and the ongoing political tensions between Turkey and other countries, both the Turkish currency and the Turkish economic situation remain under pressure. As no sustained improvement in the political environment is currently foreseeable, the risk in relation to Turkey continues to be classified as "high".

Overall, the Management Board continues to assess the Company's earnings strength as solid. The Group continues to be well positioned for positive business development in the future. Ringmetall adjusted to the changed environment at an early stage and adjusted the alignment of production to the current lower capacity utilization. The Group's risk profile therefore remains unchanged from the assessment in the 2022 Annual Report.

OUTLOOK

On June 30, 2023, Ringmetall announced the sale of its subsidiary HSM GmbH & Co. KG, based in Ernsgaden, Germany. With the disposal of HSM, the company is simultaneously closing the Industrial Handling segment. The disposal of HSM is reflected in a one-time special effect of EUR -4.6 million from deconsolidation effects. Furthermore, with the acquisition of Liner Factory GmbH & Co. KG, based in Ahaus, Germany, as of June 1, 2023, another M&A transaction in addition to the acquisition of Protective Lining in the first half of the year.

As transactions of this kind are explicitly not part of the outlook on the business development for the full year, the Management Board has decided to publish a new outlook on June 30, 2023, which reflects the effects from the transactions in the first half of the year. Furthermore, it includes the effects from the change in relevant raw material prices and exchange rates from the first half of the year and reflects the current economic situation.

Accordingly, in the new outlook, the Management Board expects consolidated revenues in the range of EUR 175 to 195 million in the current fiscal year 2023 (previous outlook: EUR 195 to 220 million) with EBITDA in the range of EUR 13 to 18 million (previous outlook: EUR 22 to 28 million). The outlook is based on unchanged raw material prices and exchange rates compared to June 30, 2023. It does not include effects from acquisitions planned in the further course of the year, including transaction costs incurred as a result.

DECLARATION OF THE LEGAL REPRESENTATIVES

To the best of our knowledge, and in accordance with the applicable reporting principles for interim financial reporting, the interim consolidated financial statements give a true and fair view of the assets, liabilities, financial position and profit or loss of the Group, and the interim management report of the Group includes a fair review of the development and performance of the business and the position of the Group, together with a description of the principal opportunities and risks associated with the expected development of the Group for the remaining months of the financial year.

These condensed interim financial statements were authorized for issue by the Management Board on September 15, 2023.

THE RINGMETALL GROUP

CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS ASSETS

ASSETS EUR '000	Notes	30.06.2023	31.12.2022
Non-current assets			
Intangible assets		6,303	3,707
Goodwill	7	35,192	34,137
Property, plant and equipment		32,989	35,332
Other non-current assets		544	286
Deferred tax assets		1,425	1,104
Total non-current assets		**76,453**	**74,566**
Current assets			
Inventories		22,951	25,721
Trade receivables		30,610	21,282
Contract assets		511	354
Other current assets		2,841	1,068
Current tax receivables		78	231
Cash and cash equivalents		5,718	8,119
Total current assets		**62,709**	56,775
Total assets		**139,162**	131,341

CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS LIABILITIES

LIABILITIES EUR '000	Notes	**30.06.2023**	31.12.2022
Equity			
Share capital		29,069	29,069
Capital reserves		16,664	16,664
Currency translation differences recognized outside profit or loss		73	470
Revaluation of pensions and similar obligations		160	173
Retained earnings		28,331	30,024
Non-controlling interests		906	1,064
Total equity		**75,203**	**77,464**
Non-current liabilities			
Provisions for post-employment benefits		1,143	760
Other provisions		201	172
Financial liabilities	8	25,622	21,357
Deferred tax liabilities		2,590	2,262
Total non-current liabilities		**29,556**	**24,551**
Current liabilities			
Other provisions		6,491	5,626
Current tax liabilities		1,834	1,816
Financial liabilities	8	9,893	8,638
Trade payables	9	13,477	10,713
Other liabilities	9	2,708	2,533
Total current liabilities		**34,403**	**29,326**
Total liabilities		**63,959**	**53,877**
Total assets		**139,162**	**131,341**

CONSOLIDATED PROFIT AND LOSS STATEMENT

EUR ‘000	Note	**H1 2023**	H1 2022
Revenue	11	100,563	115,251
Other income	12	535	1,655
Change in inventories of finished goods and work in progress		-186	2,277
		100,912	**119,183**
Cost of materials	13	-51,834	-67,980
Cost of personnel	13	-25,381	-23,471
Other expenses	13	-15,237	-10,166
Other taxes	13	-200	-252
Result from investments accounted for using the equity method	14	-	27
Earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization (EBITDA)		**8,260**	**17,341**
Depreciation		-4,003	-3,479
Earnings before interest and taxes (EBIT)		**4,257**	**13,862**
Finance income		31	24
Finance costs		-864	-337
Net income for the period from 01.01. to 30.06. from continuing operations before taxes		**3,424**	**13,549**
Income tax expense	16	-1,899	-3,041
Consolidated net income for the period from 01.01. to 30.06.		**1,525**	**10,508**
Of the consolidated net income for the period, the following are attributable to:			
Shareholders of Ringmetall AG		1,215	10,086
Non-controlling interests		310	422
Earnings per share	17		
Basic earnings per share (EUR)		0.04	0.35
Diluted earnings per share (EUR)		0.04	0.35

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

EUR '000	**H1 2023**	H1 2022
Consolidated result for the period from 01.01. to 30.06.	**1,525**	**10,508**
Items in other comprehensive income that could affect expenses or income in the future:		
Foreign business currency translation differences	-386	1,272
Items of other comprehensive income that will not be recognized as expenses or income in the future:		
Result from the revaluation of pensions and similar obligations	-13	126
Income tax attributable to components of other comprehensive income	0	-34
Other comprehensive income	**-399**	**1,364**
Total comprehensive income from 01.01. to 30.06.	**1,126**	**11,872**
Total comprehensive income attributable to:		
Shareholders of Ringmetall SE	805	11,468
Non-controlling interests	321	404

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS (SHORT)

EUR '000	**H1 2023**	H1 2022
1. Cash flow from operating activities		
Cash flow before interest, taxes and refinancing	8,275	17,316
Cash flow before interest and taxes	10,458	6,867
Cash flow from income taxes	-2,063	-2,613
Cash flow from operating activities	**8,395**	**4,254**
2. Cash flow from investment activities		
Inflows from the disposal of property, plant and equipment	124	85
Inflows from disposals of financial assets	0	-
Inflows from disposals from the scope of consolidation in the financial year	0	-
Outflows for investments in property, plant and equipment	-1,239	-876
Outflows for investments in intangible asset	-96	-112
Outflows for additions to the scope of consolidation in the current financial year	-974	-301
Other Inflow/ Outflow for investments	-11,568	-3,840
Cash flow from investment activities	**-13,753**	**-5,044**
3. Cash flow from financing activities		
Inflows from taking out financial loans	11,290	9,106
Outflows from the repayment of financial loans	-3,114	-3,042
Outflows from the repayment of financial leasing	-1,399	-1,206
Outflows to shareholders (dividend payment)	-3,331	-3,098
Interest paid (*)	-845	-291
Interest received (*)	31	24
Cash flow from financing activities (**)	**2,632**	**1,493**
4. Cash at the end of the period		
Cash-effective change in cash and cash equivalents	-2,726	703
Influence of exchange rate effects on the means of Cash and cash equivalents	-106	-12
Changes in cash and cash equivalents due to changes in the scope of consolidation	431	25
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the period	8,119	4,573
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the period	**5,718**	**5,289**
5. Composition of Cash		
Cash and cash equivalents	5,718	5,289
Current liabilities to banks	0	0
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the period	**5,718**	**5,289**

(*) Due to a better reporting, the interest paid and received was reported under cash flow from financing activities and not under cash flow from operating activities. (**) Of the cash and cash equivalents, an amount of EUR 450 thousand (30.06.2022: EUR 344 thousand) is accounted for by non-controlling interests.

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY

EUR '000	Notes	Share capital	Capital reserves	Currency translation reserve	Revaluation of pensions and similar obligations	Effect of first-time adoption of IFRS 15	Consolidated result carryforward	**Total**	Non-controlling interests	**Total equity**
As of 1.1.2022 (IFRS)		**29,069**	**16,664**	**-507**	**45**	**22**	**17,415**	**62,708**	**1,041**	**63,749**
Consolidated result for the period from 01.01. to 30.06.	17						10,086	10,086	422	10,508
Dividend payments							-2,616	-2,616	-544	-3,160
Other comprehensive income				1,290	92			1,382	-18	1,364
Change in scope of consolidation								-		-
Total transactions with owners of the company		-	-	1,290	92	-	7,470	8,852	-140	8,712
As of 30.06.2022 (IFRS)		**29,069**	**16,664**	**783**	**137**	**22**	**24,885**	**71,560**	**901**	**72,461**

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY

EUR '000	Notes	Share capital	Capital reserves	Currency translation reserve	Revaluation of pensions and similar obligations	Effect of first-time adoption of IFRS 15	Consolidated result carryforward	**Total**	Non-controlling interests	**Total equity**
As of 1.1.2023 (IFRS)		**29,069**	**16,664**	**470**	**151**	**22**	**30,024**	**76,400**	**1,064**	**77,464**
Consolidated result for the period from 01.01. to 30.06.	17						1,215	1,215	310	1,525
Dividend payments							-2,907	-2,907	-446	-3,353
Other comprehensive income				-397	-13			-410	11	-399
Change in scope of consolidation								-	-33	-33
Total transactions with owners of the company		-	-	-397	-13	-	-1,692	-2,102	-158	-2,260
As of 30.06.2023 (IFRS)		**29,069**	**16,664**	**73**	**138**	**22**	**28,331**	**74,297**	**906**	**75,203**

SELECTED EXPLANATORY NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED INTERIM FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

1. General information

Ringmetall SE (hereinafter: "Ringmetall") is a leading specialist supplier in the packaging industry with production and sales locations worldwide. The main activities of Ringmetall and its subsidiaries are allocated to the business areas Industrial Packaging and, until June 30, 2023, Industrial Handling. With the sale of HSM GmbH & Co. KG, the only operating company in the Industrial Handling business segment, on June 30, 2023, this business segment was closed. Ringmetall assumes a superordinate function in the organizational structure as the managing holding company. It combines central Group functions.

It was entered in the Munich Commercial Register (HRB 118683) of the Munich Local Court as H.P.I. Holding Aktiengesellschaft on December 2, 1997. Following the change of legal form to a European stock corporation (Societas Europaea, or SE for short), Ringmetall SE is now registered under the number HRB 268321 of the Munich Local Court. The registered office of the company is Munich. The address is Innere Wiener Straße 9, 81667 Munich.

The interim consolidated financial statements of Ringmetall are prepared in euros. Unless otherwise stated, figures are given in EUR thousand. Amounts are rounded in accordance with standard commercial practice.

2. Accounting principles and standards applied

This unaudited interim report of the Ringmetall Group comprises the condensed interim consolidated financial statements and the interim group management report. The condensed interim consolidated financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS) issued by the International Accounting Standard Board (IASB) and the interpretations issued by the International Financial Reporting Interpretations Committee (IFRIC), taking into account IAS 34 Interim Financial Reporting, which were effective as of the reporting date June 30, 2023, and as adopted by the European Union. The interim financial statements also comply with German Accounting Standards (GASs) in compliance with GAS 16 Interim Financial Reporting, which were effective and applicable at the reporting date of June 30, 2023.

The standards and interpretations required to be applied for the first time as of January 1, 2023 had no impact on the Group's net assets, financial position and results of operations and therefore there was no need for retrospective adjustments. Further information on the amendments is presented in the notes to the consolidated financial statements of the annual report as of December 31, 2022, under 7.1. "International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS) and Interpretations (IFRIC) issued but not yet effective and amendments to standards and interpretations" p. 85 et seq.

The interim consolidated financial statements are based on the reporting period from January 1, 2023 to June 30, 2023.

This interim report should be read in conjunction with the annual report for fiscal year 2022, which contains a detailed presentation of the Group's operations and explanatory information on the Group's accounting policies applied in the reporting period. The accounting policies have remained fundamentally unchanged from the prior year.

3. List of subsidiaries

All subsidiaries of Ringmetall SE are listed below.

The consolidated financial statements as of June 30, 2023 include all entities over which Ringmetall SE can exercise direct or indirect control over the financial and operating policies. Subsidiaries are included in the consolidated financial statements by way of full consolidation from the date on which control is transferred to the Group. They are deconsolidated from the date on which control ceases.

The following subsidiaries are held by Ringmetall SE (directly / indirectly) and are fully consolidated in the interim consolidated financial statements as of June 30, 2023:

NAME OF THE COMPANY	Office	Country	Share in capital (%)
August Berger Metallwarenfabrik GmbH	Berg/Pfalz	Germany	100.00
Berger Closing Rings (Changshu) Co., Ltd.	Changshu	China	100.00
Berger Group Europe Iberica, S.L.	Reus	Spain	100.00
Berger Group US Inc. (formerly Berger US Inc.)	Birmingham	USA	100.00
Berger Italia S.r.l.	Valmadrera	Italy	100.00
Berger US Inc. (formerly Self Industries Inc.)	Birmingham	USA	100.00
Cemsan Metal Parts Manufacturing Industry Trade Ltd. Company	Gebze-Kocaeli	Turkey	100.00
Fidum Verwaltungs GmbH	München	Germany	100.00
Fieder Verwaltungs GmbH	München	Germany	100.00
HOSTO Stolz GmbH & Co. KG	Neunkirchen	Germany	100.00
HOSTO Stolz Verwaltungs GmbH	Neunkirchen	Germany	100.00
Latza GmbH	Attendorn	Germany	100.00
Liner Factory GmbH & Co. KG	Ahaus	Germany	100.00
Liner Factory Verwaltungs GmbH	Ahaus	Germany	100.00
Nittel France SARL	Merignac	France	100.00
Nittel Halle GmbH	Halle/Saale	Germany	100.00
Protective Lining, Inc.	New York	USA	100.00
Rhein-Plast GmbH	Bad Dürkheim	Germany	100.00
SVD-Verpackungen GmbH	Ahaus	Germany	100.00
Tesseraux Spezialverpackungen GmbH	Bürstadt	Germany	100.00
Berger Hong Kong Limited	Hong Kong	China	80.00
Nittel B.V.	Moerdijk	Netherlands	80.00
S.G.T. S.r.l.	Albavilla	Italy	80.00
Berger Closures Limited	Peterlee	UK	75.57

Where non-controlling interests are held in one of the subsidiaries listed above, Ringmetall refers to the disclosures in the consolidated income statement and the consolidated statement of comprehensive income with regard to the share of profit or loss. Further financial data are not disclosed as they are of minor importance for the Group as a whole.

The following subsidiary is not included by Ringmetall in the interim consolidated financial statements as of June 30, 2023 due to its minor significance for the Group's net assets, financial position and results of operations.

COMPANY	Office	Country	Share in capital (%)
Hollandring B.V.*	Vaassen	Netherlands	100.00

* The company is in liquidation

4. Expansion of the scope of consolidation / Acquisition of assets

Acquisition of Protective Lining, Inc.

On January 6, 2023 (acquisition date), Ringmetall acquired the business operations and production facilities of Protective Lining Corp., New York, a leading manufacturer of polyethylene liners in the USA, by way of an asset deal and contributed them to Protective Lining, Inc, New York (hereinafter: "Protective Lining"). With Protective Lining, Ringmetall is expanding into the North American market for the first time in the field of drum liners and, based on Protective Lining's market positioning, now intends to drive forward the consolidation of the US market for drum liners. At its plant in Brooklyn, Protective Lining mainly produces round-bottom and block-bottom bags for various customer industries on the basis of self-extruded polyethylene films. The company is assigned to the Group's Industrial Packaging segment.

In connection with the acquisition and takeover of the assets of Protective Lining, the employees and their leave obligations as well as the existing production know-how were also acquired. Due to the acquired substantial processes of the existing production units, the acquisition of Protective Lining represents a business combination according to IFRS 3.

Ringmetall obtained dominance and thus control over Protective Lining as of January 6, 2023. The initial consolidation took place as of January 1, 2023.

The identifiable assets acquired and liabilities assumed were measured at their fair values. In this purchase price allocation, all hidden reserves and liabilities were disclosed. The purchase price allocation mainly comprises the determination of the fair value of all acquired assets and liabilities. The difference between the identifiable assets acquired and the liabilities assumed results in the total identifiable net assets acquired.

Goodwill arose as a positive difference between the purchase price and the total identifiable net assets acquired, see the following table:

Acquisition Protective Lining, Inc. EUR '000	**Carrying amount before purchase price allocation**	**Fair value according to purchase price allocation**
Intangible assets - customer base	-	2,805
Technical plant and machinery	1,171	1,171
Inventory	234	234
Liabilities from vacation obligations	-57	-57
Deferred taxes	-	-732
Total identifiable net assets	**1,348**	**3,421**
Positive / negative difference		
Purchase price		6,735
Total identifiable net assets		3,421
Positive difference		3,314
Net paid cash		6,735

In connection with the transaction, preliminary transaction costs of EUR 50 thousand were incurred and expensed.

Since the acquisition date, Protective Lining has generated revenues of EUR 4,039 thousand and earnings after taxes of EUR 88 thousand, which are included in the consolidated statement of comprehensive income. In the first half of 2023, Protective Lining, Inc. had 71 employees.

Deferred taxes relate to temporary differences between the tax and IFRS valuations of the identified assets and liabilities acquired.

The purchase price allocation is preliminary with regard to intangible assets in accordance with IFRS 3.45.

Acquisition of SVD-Verpackungen GmbH and its subsidiary Liner Factory GmbH & Co. KG

Effective June 1, 2023, Ringmetall acquired all shares in SVD-Verpackungen GmbH and thus also in its manufacturing subsidiary Liner Factory GmbH & Co. KG (hereinafter: "Liner Factory") and its management company based in Ahaus. At this point in time, the acquisition date, Ringmetall assumed dominance and control over the SVD Group and the initial consolidation took place.

Liner Factory primarily supplies customers in the beverage and food industries with its product solutions. It primarily manufactures molded inliners, aseptic inliners, and technical inliners made of polyethylene or aluminum foil, which are capable of protecting high-value, hygroscopic products from moisture, water vapor, UV radiation, oxygen, and odor transfer and can also be customized for octabins, cartons, or big bags, depending on customer requirements. In addition, the company manufactures beer tank inliners.

The acquisition of these companies constitutes an acquisition within the meaning of IFRS 3. The identifiable assets acquired and liabilities assumed were measured at their fair values. All hidden reserves and liabilities were disclosed in this purchase price allocation. The purchase price allocation essentially comprises the determination of the fair value of all acquired assets and liabilities. The difference between the identifiable assets acquired and the liabilities assumed results in the total identifiable net assets acquired. The positive difference between the purchase price and the total identifiable net assets acquired was goodwill of EUR 1,895 thousand.

Acquisition SVD group **EUR '000"**	**Carrying amount before purchase price allocation**	**Fair value according to purchase price allocation**
Intangible assets	99	697
Property, plant and equipment	220	1,453
Financial assets	26	250
Inventories	1,928	1,928
Receivables and other assets	2,142	2,142
Cash and bank balances	1,109	1,109
Deferred tax assets	21	21
Pension accruals	-343	-343
Accrued taxes	-134	-134
Other accrued liabilities	-457	-457
Liabilities	-2,264	-2,264
Deferred tax liabilities	-31	-297
Total identifiable net assets	**2,316**	**4,105**
Positive / negative difference		
Purchase price		6,000
Total identifiable net assets		4,105
Positive difference		1,895
Net paid cash		4,800

In connection with the transaction, preliminary transaction costs of EUR 121 thousand were incurred and expensed.

In the first month of affiliation to the Group, the SVD Group generated revenues of EUR 934 thousand and earnings after taxes of EUR 199 thousand, which are included in the consolidated statement of comprehensive income. During this period, Liner Factory had 31 employees.

The deferred taxes relate to temporary differences between the tax and IFRS valuations of the identified assets and liabilities acquired.

The purchase price allocation is provisional with regard to the intangible assets and potential liabilities in accordance with IFRS 3.45. The purchase price allocation is also provisional with regard to the intangible assets and potential liabilities.

Acquisition of the remaining 20 percent of the shares in Nittel France SARL

Effective March 31, 2023, the remaining 20 percent of the shares in Nittel France SARL were acquired. This company was already fully consolidated in the past under the disclosure of non-controlling interests. Accordingly, the carrying amounts of the assets and liabilities remain unchanged. As a result of the acquisition of the remaining shares, there is a shift in value between the majority shareholder Ringmetall and the non-controlling interests in equity and is therefore to be classified as a transaction between owners.

Sale and deconsolidation of HSM GmbH & Co. KG

As of June 30, 2023, Ringmetall sold HSM GmbH & Co. KG (hereinafter "HSM") and its management company to HSM Präzisionsteile & Sicherheitssysteme GmbH i. Gr., a subsidiary of Theilen Holding GmbH, Miltenberg. As a result, the Industrial Handling segment - which consisted solely of HSM - was also closed. As a result, the Ringmetall Group is now only active in the Industrial Packaging segment - in the areas of clamping rings / steel and inliners / plastic - and intends to strengthen and expand these areas.

This sale resulted in a one-time negative deconsolidation effect of EUR 4,606 thousand, which is reported under other expenses.

Deconsolidation of Hollandring B.V.

Hollandring B.V. is in liquidation. The company was therefore deconsolidated as of June 30, 2023.

5. Foreign currency

Ringmetall translates the assets and liabilities of foreign subsidiaries whose functional currency is not the euro at the average spot exchange rate as of June 30, 2023. The exchange rates used for translation of the main currencies in the Group are shown in the following table:

		Balance sheet closing rate		P&L average rate	
1 EURO		**30.06.2023**	31.12.2022	**H1 2023**	H1 2022
Great Britain	GBP	0.8583	0.8853	0.8766	0.8422
China	CNY	7.8983	7.3926	7.4895	7.0827
Turkey	TRY	28.3206	19.9760	21.5424	16.2338
USA	USD	1.0866	1.0676	1.0811	1.0940

According to the International Monetary Fund (IMF), Turkey has been a hyperinflationary country since April 2022. This has been taken into account in the currency translation.

6. Business segments

The Management Board is the chief operating decision maker according to IFRS 8. For management purposes, the Group is divided into the operating segments Industrial Packaging and - until the sale of HSM on June 30, 2023 - Industrial Handling, based on the products offered by the segments. Both segments also represent the reportable segments.

The Industrial Packaging operating segment specializes in the development, production and marketing of packaging elements for the drum industry. The product range, which focuses exclusively on industrial drums, includes not only clamping rings, lids and gaskets, but also handles, closure units and requirement-specific special components. Since 2019, the product portfolio has also included the manufacture and sale of drum inliners, and since 2022 monofilms have also been manufactured and sold.

The Industrial Handling business segment produced and marketed application-oriented vehicle attachments for special vehicles in freight and warehouse logistics until June 30, 2023. This segment develops and produces restraint systems, lift mast parts, and clutch and brake pedals for tractors, trucks, and above all industrial trucks. However, complex welded assemblies and trailer coupling systems as well as hydraulic components were also part of the product range.

The Management Board assesses the operating segments on the basis of EBITDA. EBITDA represents earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization.

6.1 Revenues

Sales between the segments are carried out at market prices. Sales to external customers, which are reported to the Management Board, are measured using the same principles as in the income statement.

	H1 2023			H1 2022		
EUR '000	Segment revenues	Intersegmental revenues	Revenues from external clients	Segment revenues	Intersegmental revenues	Revenues from external clients
Industrial Packaging	97,839	5,546	92,293	116,174	8,742	107,432
Industrial Handling	8,270	-	8,270	7,839	20	7,819
Other	1,551	1,551	-	422	422	-
Total	**107,660**	**7,097**	**100,563**	124,435	9,184	115,251

For further information on revenues, please refer to Note 11.

6.2 Segment results

EUR '000	**H1 2023**	H1 2022
Industrial Packaging	13,677	17,616
Industrial Handling	351	666
Other	-8,869	-940
EBITDA before consolidation	**5,159**	**17,342**
Consolidation effects on EBITDA	3,101	-1
EBITDA	**8,260**	**17,341**
Depreciation of Property, plant and equipment and intangible assets	-4,003	-3,479
EBIT	**4,257**	**13,862**
Financing result	-833	-313
EBT	**3,424**	**13,549**
Income tax expense	-1,899	-3,041
Net results	**1,525**	**10,508**

The assets and liabilities of the segments have developed in line with the business performance of the segments. Compared to December 31, 2022, the main changes in the Industrial Packaging segment resulted from the acquisitions of Protective Lining, SVD and Liner Factory. As HSM was sold as of June 30, 2023, all assets and liabilities of the Industrial Handling segment were disposed of as of this date.

6.3 Group-wide information

The regional breakdown of sales to non-Group customers is as follows:

	H1 2023				**H1 2022**			
EUR '000	**Germany**	**USA**	**Italy / UK**	**Rest**	**Germany**	**USA**	**Italy / UK**	**Rest**
Industrial Packaging	25,713	25,851	12,866	27,863	27,699	33,004	14,659	32,070
Industrial Handling	8,041	-	118	111	7,617	-	-	202
Total	**33,754**	**25,851**	**12,984**	**27,974**	**35,316**	**33,004**	**14,659**	**32,272**

In the Industrial Packaging segment, revenues of EUR 13,979 thousand (H1 2022: EUR 18,743 thousand) and EUR 12,099 thousand (H1 2022: EUR 19,275 thousand), respectively, are based on business with two customers.

In the Industrial Handling segment, revenues of EUR 4,217 thousand (H1 2022: EUR 4,797 thousand) were generated with one customer.

NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET

7. Goodwill

7.1 Reconciliation of the book value

EUR '000	**30.06.2023**	**31.12.2022**
Acquisition cost	37,250	36,310
Accumulated impairment losses	-2,058	-2,173
	35,192	**34,137**
Acquisition cost		
Balance at beginning of year	36,310	35,530
Additional amounts recognized from business combinations	5,151	-
Disposal due to sale of company	-3,973	-
Effects of exchange rate differences	-238	780
Balance at end of year	**37,250**	**36,310**
Accumulated impairment losses		
Balance at beginning of year	2,173	1,796
Impairment losses recognized during the year		-
Effects of exchange rate differences	-115	377
Balance at end of year	**2,058**	**2,173**

7.2 Allocation of goodwill to cash-generating units

Goodwill resulting from a business combination is recognized at the value resulting from the purchase price allocation less any necessary impairment losses and is presented separately in the consolidated statement of financial position. For the purpose of impairment testing, goodwill is allocated to those cash-generating units (CGUs) of the Group that are expected to benefit from the synergies of the combination.

At the respective measurement date (= balance sheet date), the recoverable amount of each cash-generating unit carrying goodwill is determined based on a value-in-use calculation using cash flow projections based on financial budgets determined and approved by management and compared to its carrying amount. This was based on a detailed plan for the first year, which was extrapolated in a simplified extrapolation using an average growth potential of up to 10.0 percent for two further years. The growth factor applied also depends on the extent to which a country or business area was affected by the various geopolitical events. Periods not included in the planning calculations are shown by applying the residual value (terminal value). Cash flows after the three-year period are assumed to be subject to a growth rate of 0.0 percent (31.12.2022: 0.0 percent). The cash flows are discounted using the risk-adjusted pre-tax interest rate of the respective cash-generating units of 6.9 percent to 9.7 percent (31.12.2022: 6.9 percent to 9.7 percent), which is based on the weighted average cost of capital (WACC). The weighted average cost of capital takes into account a cost of capital of 10.3 percent (31.12.2022: 10.3 percent) and a cost of debt of 3.4 percent (31.12.2022: 3.4 percent). The calculation is based on the capital asset pricing model (CAPM), taking into account current market expectations. Specific peer group information for beta factors, capital structure data and borrowing cost rates were used to determine the risk-adjusted interest rates for impairment testing purposes.

Goodwill is composed as follows as of June 30, 2023:

EUR '000	**30.06.2023**	31.12.2022
August Berger Metallwarenfabrik GmbH	834	834
Berger Closures Limited	176	176
Berger Italia S.r.l.	2,658	2,658
Berger US Inc.	13,002	13,125
HOSTO Stolz GmbH & Co. KG	916	916
HSM GmbH & Co. KG	-	3,973
Packaging Inliner	9,332	9,332
Protective Lining, Inc.	3,256	-
Latza GmbH	1,261	1,261
S.G.T. S.r.l.	1,862	1,862
SVD group	1,895	-
Gesamt	**35,192**	**34,137**

The cash-generating unit Packaging Inliner comprises the legal entities of the Nittel companies and Tesseraux. Operational management of the companies is carried out by a common group of people. The overriding objective is to bring the companies closer together in order to leverage synergies in all relevant areas of the business.

The strategic management and alignment of the companies as well as the preparation and pursuit of a business area strategy is carried out at the Packaging Inliner level. Reports are submitted to management and the Supervisory Board at this level. This division is part of the Industrial Packaging segment and is therefore smaller than the segment.

All goodwill recognized results mainly from synergies in market development. This can result, for example, from the development of new regions or new products. There is also earnings potential from acquired production sites.

8. Financial liabilities

8.1 Terms and liabilities

EUR '000	**30.06.2023**	**31.12.2022**
Non-current liabilities		
Bank loans	19,818	12,464
Other loans	6	232
Liabilities from leasing agreements	5,798	8,661
Total	**25,622**	**21,357**
Current liabilities		
Bank loans	6,083	5,261
Other loans	2,084	986
Liabilities from leasing agreements	1,726	2,391
Total	**9,893**	**8,638**

Bank loans increased by a total of EUR 8,176 thousand compared with December 31, 2022 as a result of the acquisitions made. The breakdown of debt into current and non-current is in accordance with the deposited repayment schedules.

Other loans include the vendor loan from the acquisition of the SVD Group in the amount of EUR 1,201 thousand. For further information on the acquisition of the SVD Group, please refer to section 4 "Changes in the scope of consolidation / Acquisition and disposal of assets".

8.2 Secured bank loans

The outstanding bank loans have the following conditions:

					30.06.2023		31.12.2022	
EUR '000		Currency	Interest rate	Maturity year	Nominal value	Book value	Nominal value	Book value
Ringmetall SE	A	EUR	EURIBOR +1,00%	2023-2025	7,500	7,500	9,000	9,000
	B / C / D	EUR			18,190	18,190	8,400	8,400
Berger Italia S.r.l.		EUR	0.60%	2023	-	-	69	69
S.G.T. S.r.l.		EUR	2.50%	2023	-	-	5	5
HOSTO Stolz GmbH & Co. KG		EUR	2.40%	2026	123	123	133	133
		EUR	2.00%	2026	77	77	104	104
Rhein-Plast GmbH		EUR	3.92%	2023	7	7	9	9
		EUR	3.53%	2024	4	4	5	5
Total					**25,901**	**25,901**	**17,725**	**17,725**

The bank loans are secured by the net assets[1] of August Berger Metallwarenfabrik GmbH, Berg Group US inc, Berger US Inc, Nittel Halle GmbH, Tesseraux Spezialverpackungen GmbH, Latza GmbH, Fidum Verwaltungs GmbH, HOSTO Stolz GmbH & Co. KG, Rhein-Plast GmbH, Protective Lining, Inc., collateralized.

[1]Net assets: The assets comprising the total of the assets listed in Section 266 (2) A., B. (in derogation of Section 272 (1) HGB plus uncalled outstanding contributions), C., D. and E. HGB minus the total of the balance sheet items listed in § 266 para. 3 B., C., D. and E. HGB and less such capitalized amounts that are subject to the distribution restriction of Art. 268 par. 8 HGB.

9. Trade payables and other liabilities

CURRENT: EUR '000	**30.06.2023**	**31.12.2022**
Trade payables	13,477	10,713
Other liabilities	2,708	2,533
Total	**16,185**	**13,246**

10. Other financial obligations and contingent liabilities

The Group has the following financial obligations that are not included in the consolidated statement of financial position:

EUR '000	30.06.2023			31.12.2022		
	< 1 year	1 to 5 years	> 5 Years	< 1 year	1 to 5 years	> 5 Years
Obligation from outstanding order	12,998	0	0	16,173	-	-
Service contracts, etc.	757	765	0	1,243	1,096	31
Short-term low value lease	46	24	0	76	56	-
Total	**13,801**	**789**	**0**	**17,492**	**1,152**	**31**

NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED PROFIT AND LOSS STATEMENT AND OTHER RESULTS

11. Revenues

EUR '000	H1 2023	H1 2022
Clamping rings, lids, etc.	66,936	88,564
Drum inliners	25,357	18,868
Vehicle attachment parts, etc	8,270	7,819
Total	**100,563**	**115,251**

The Group's principal activity is the manufacture and sale of clamping rings, related closures, drum liners, monofoils (Industrial Packaging segment) and, until June 30, 2023, the production and marketing of vehicle attachments for special vehicles used in logistics and warehouse logistics as well as agriculture (Industrial Handling segment).

The Group generated revenues from contracts with customers in accordance with IFRS 15 in the amount of EUR 100,563 thousand (H1 2022: EUR 115,251 thousand). All revenues in both segments were generated and recognized on a point-in-time basis in the reporting year, as in the previous year.

As of June 30, 2023, assets from customer contracts totaling EUR 30,610 thousand (31.12.2022: EUR 21,282 thousand) designated as trade receivables are reported in the balance sheet, whereby this amount EUR 30,610 thousand (31.12.2022: EUR 20,100 thousand) is fully attributable to the Industrial Packaging segment. As of December 31, 2022, EUR 1,182 thousand was attributable to the Industrial Handling segment; with the sale of HSM, this segment no longer exists, and the balance as of June 30, 2023 is EUR 0 thousand.

The contract assets recognized in the balance sheet are those assets from customer contracts that have not yet been invoiced to customers. They result from deliveries of Ringmetall products to customers' consignment stocks. These contract assets relate entirely to the Industrial Packaging segment.

12. Other Income

EUR '000	H1 2023	H1 2022
Income from the private use of company vehicles	103	76
Income from contribution	54	49
Other own work capitalized	50	31
Income from the release of provisions and allowance for doubtful accounts	21	150
Income from exchange rate differences	21	0
Income from insurance policies	16	25
Income from rental	15	10
Profit/loss from the disposal of property, plant and equipment	10	52
Other remaining income	245	1,262
Total	**535**	**1,655**

Other income decreased by EUR 1,120 thousand. This decrease is mainly due to the fact that the previous year's figure included income of EUR 1,153 thousand from the bargain purchase of Rhein-Plast.

13. Operating expenses

13.1 Cost of materials

EUR '000	H1 2023	H1 2022
Cost of raw materials and supplies	48,451	64,518
Cost of purchased services	3,383	3,462
Total	**51,834**	**67,980**

The cost of purchased services includes in particular expenses for energy and external labor.

13.2 Personnel expenses

EUR '000	H1 2023	H1 2022
Wages and salaries	18,422	16,289
Social security contributions	4,203	3,674
Temporary workers	2,756	3,508
Total	**25,381**	**23,471**

Temporary workers are reported under personnel expenses. This corresponds to the economic approach from the Group's perspective.

The average number of employees in the first half of 2023 is 911 and has increased compared with the 1st half of 2022 with 812 average employees, mainly due to the acquisition of Protective Lining and Liner Factory.

An average of 82 temporary workers were employed in the first half of 2023, compared with 147 temporary workers in the 1st half of 2022.

13.3 Other operating expenses and other tax

EUR '000	H1 2023	H1 2022
Expenses for the issue of goods	3,294	3,933
Expenses for administration and EDP	2,698	2,130
Expenses for machinery and tools	1,748	1,508
Expenses for consultancy and other external services	1,569	1,340
Expenses related to buildings	1,144	1,190
Other expenses	4,784	65
Other tax	200	252
Total	**15,437**	**10,418**

Other expenses include the non-recurring effect of the deconsolidation of HSM in the amount of EUR 4,606 thousand. Please also refer to the comments under 4. "Changes in the scope of consolidation / Acquisition and disposal of assets".

14. Result from investments accounted for using the equity method

In the previous year, income from investments accounted for using the equity method was reported in the amount of EUR 27 thousand, resulting from the investment in Nittel UK Ltd. As of June 30, 2023, no result is reported here. Nittel UK Ltd. has been in liquidation since the end of fiscal year 2022 and Ringmetall no longer has an investment in this company. This investment accounted for using the equity method was already no longer recognized in the statement of financial position as of December 31, 2022.

15. Financial result

The interest result decreased by a total of EUR 520 thousand. This is mainly due to the higher interest for the syndicated loan - on the one hand, the loan amount has increased and, on the other hand, the interest rate is higher than in the comparative period. In addition, expenses due to exchange rate effects in connection with financing are included; minor income was reported in this respect in the comparative prior-year period. Interest income increased slightly.

16. Income tax expense

Ringmetall SE is subject to domestic corporate income tax and trade tax. The corporate income tax rate applicable for the first half of 2023 as well as the first half of 2022 is 15.0 percent. In addition, a solidarity surcharge of 5.5 percent is levied. Depending on the individual assessment rate, trade income tax is between 10.5 percent and 17.2 percent on the corporate income tax rate of taxable income.

There have been no significant changes to the tax framework compared with the consolidated financial statements as of December 31, 2022. Overall, income taxes of EUR 1,899 thousand (H1 2022: EUR 3,041 thousand) were recognized within the income statement as of the interim financial statements. No income taxes were recognized directly in equity in the first half of the year.

17. Explanations to the statement of comprehensive income

17.1 Consolidated profit for the period from continuing operations

EUR '000	**H1 2023**	**H1 2022**
Shareholders of the parent company	1,215	10,086
Non-controlling interests	310	422
Consolidated result for the period from 01.01. to 30.06.	**1,525**	**10,508**

17.2 Earnings per share

Basic and diluted earnings per share are calculated by dividing the consolidated profit for the period (excluding non-controlling interests) by the weighted average number of registered shares outstanding and admitted to trading in the respective reporting period. No stock options or convertible bonds were issued by the Company until June 30, 2023, which would lead to a dilution of earnings per share, so that basic earnings per share correspond to diluted earnings per share.

	H1 2023	**H1 2022**
Group's net profit for the period in EUR '000	1,215	10,086
Weighted average number of shares	29,069,040	29,069,040
Earnings per share (basic and diluted, in EUR)	**0.04**	**0.35**

OTHER STATEMENTS

18. Capital management

The Group's objective is to maintain a strong capital base in order to maintain the confidence of investors, creditors and the markets and to ensure the sustainable development of the Company. The Management Board aims to achieve a balance between increasing returns, while optimizing the ratio of equity to debt, and the benefits of a stable capital base.

The Group monitors capital using a ratio of adjusted net debt to equity. Adjusted net debt principally comprises interest-bearing liabilities to banks and lease liabilities less cash and cash equivalents.

The equity ratio is as follows:

EUR '000	**30.06.2023**	**31.12.2022**
Interest-bearing loans and bonds	25,901	17,725
Leasing liabilities	7,524	11,052
Less cash and cash equivalents	-5,718	-8,119
Net debt	**27,707**	**20,658**
Equity	75,203	77,464
Balance sheet total	**139,162**	**131,341**
Equity ratio	54.0%	59.0%

19. Financial Instruments - Fair Values and Risk Management

19.1 Classifications and fair values

The following table shows the carrying amounts and classification of financial assets and financial liabilities in accordance with IFRS 9.

EUR ‘000	IFRS 9 Bewertungs-kategorie	**IFRS 9 Buchwert 30.06.2023**	IFRS 9 Buchwert 31.12.2022
Assets			
Other non-current financial assets	AC	544	286
Trade receivables	AC	30,610	21,282
Contract assets	AC	511	354
Cash and cash equivalents	AC	5,718	8,119
Total		**37,383**	**30,041**
Liabilities			
Non-current financial liabilities	FLAC	25,622	21,357
Trade payables	FLAC	13,477	10,713
Current financial liabilities	FLAC	9,893	8,638
Total		**48,992**	**40,708**

19.2 Derivative financial instruments

As of June 30, 2023, the Ringmetall Group does not use any derivative financial instruments, as was the case at the comparative reporting date of December 31, 2022.

19.3 Determination of fair value

Valuation techniques and significant unobservable input factors

The following table shows the valuation techniques used in determining Level 2 and Level 3 fair values and the significant unobservable inputs used:

Financial instruments not measured at fair value

Kind	Valuation Method	Significant unobservable inputs
Other financial liabilities*	Discounted cash flows in a DCF method using market interest rates and term of the liability	Margin surcharge on interest

* Other financial liabilities include secured and unsecured bank loans, unsecured bonds and finance lease liabilities. As the fair value corresponds to the carrying amount of financial instruments that are not measured at fair value, no further disclosures are made.

20. Related companies and persons

At Ringmetall, the shareholders are generally considered to be the Ultimate Controlling Party.

Due to the syndicate agreement existing between the main shareholders, the two main shareholders together constitute the Ultimate Controlling Party of Ringmetall.

Related parties are non-consolidated subsidiaries and persons who can exercise significant influence on the financial and operating policies of the Ringmetall Group. The latter include all persons in key positions as well as their close family members. In the Ringmetall Group, these are the members of the Management Board and the Supervisory Board.

The group of related parties has not changed within the first six months of fiscal year 2023 compared to December 31, 2022. In the reporting period, no new contracts were concluded with key management personnel, members of the Supervisory Board or other related parties, nor were any significant changes made to existing contracts that have a material impact on the net assets, financial position or results of operations of the Group.

For further information, please refer to the comments in the Annual Report as of December 31, 2022, under 31 "Related companies and persons" on page 140 ff.

21. Employees

In H1 2023, the Group employed an average of 911 employees (H1 2022: 812 employees).

22. Events after the balance sheet date

HOSTO Stolz Verwaltungs GmbH, with its registered office in Neunkirchen, has been merged by way of absorption into August Berger Metallwarenfabrik GmbH in accordance with the merger agreement dated July 5, 2023 and the resolutions of approval of its shareholders' meeting and the shareholders' meeting of the transferring legal entity on the same day. The merger became effective upon entry in the register of the acquiring August Berger Metallwarenfabrik GmbH on July 12, 2023.

HOSTO Stolz Verwaltungs GmbH, which was previously entered in the Commercial Register of the Local Court of Siegen under HRB 3880, thus ceased to exist.

On July 21, 2023, the accretion of HOSTO Stolz GmbH & Co. KG to August Berger Metallwarenfabrik GmbH was also entered in the Commercial Register. With the entry of the accretion, HOSTO Stolz GmbH & Co. KG was deleted from the Commercial Register, as the entire assets of HOSTO Stolz GmbH & Co. KG were transferred to the sole shareholder, August Berger Metallwarenfabrik GmbH, by way of universal succession.

Munich, September 15, 2023

The Management Board

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FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

This interim report expressly or implicitly contains forward-looking statements relating to the future business performance of Ringmetall SE and its business activities. Such statements can be identified by words such as "expect", "want", "will", "plan" or similar terms.

Such statements do not represent historical facts. These statements are based on the current expectations and assumptions of Ringmetall's management, many of which are beyond Ringmetall's control. Therefore, they are subject to a variety of uncertainties, contingencies and risks. Ringmetall's actual results, performance or achievements may differ materially (negatively or positively) from those expressed or implied in the forward-looking statements if risks, uncertainties or contingencies materialize or underlying expectations do not occur or assumptions were incorrect.

REVIEW REPORT

To the Ringmetall SE, Munich

We have reviewed the condensed interim consolidated financial statements of the Ringmetall SE, Munich, comprising the balance sheet, the income statement, cash flow statement, statement of changes in equity and selected explanatory notes, together with the interim group management report of the Ringmetall SE for the period from January 1, 2023 to June 30, 2023, that are part of the semi annual financial report pursuant to § 115 WpHG [Wertpapierhandelsgesetz: German Securities Trading Act]. The preparation of the condensed interim consolidated financial statements in accordance with those IFRS applicable to interim financial reporting as adopted by the EU, and of the interim group management report in accordance with the requirements of the WpHG applicable to interim group management reports, is the responsibility of the company's management. Our responsibility is to issue a report on the condensed interim consolidated financial statements and on the interim group management report based on our review.

We conducted our review of the condensed interim consolidated financial statements and of the interim group management report in accordance with the German generally accepted standards for the review of financial statements promulgated by the Institut der Wirtschaftsprüfer [Institute of Public Auditors in Germany] (IDW). Those standards require that we plan and perform the review such that we can preclude through critical evaluation, with a certain level of assurance, that the condensed interim consolidated financial statements have not been prepared, in material respects, in accordance with those IFRS applicable to interim financial reporting as adopted by the EU, and that the interim group management report has not been prepared, in material respects, in accordance with the requirements of the WpHG applicable to interim group management reports. A review is limited primarily to inquiries of company employees and analytical assessments and therefore does not provide the assurance attainable in a financial statement audit. Since, in accordance with our engagement, we have not performed a financial statement audit, we cannot issue an auditor's report.

Based on our review no matters have come to our attention that cause us to presume that the condensed interim consolidated financial statements have not been pre-pared, in material respects, in accordance with those IFRS applicable to interim financial reporting as adopted by the EU, or that the interim group management report has not been prepared, in material respects, in accordance with the requirements of the WpHG applicable to interim group management reports.

Stuttgart, September 15, 2023

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

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