

Q & A voestalpine Group results Q1 BY 2024/25

Q.) Were there any one-offs in Q1 BY 2024/25 results?

A.) EBITDA in the High Performance Metals Division in the 1st quarter of 2024/25 included negative one-off effects from the ongoing selling process for Buderus Edelstahl in Germany. Write-downs of 28 m€ had to be recognized due to existing binding offers.

Q.) Why was the tax rate for Q1 2024/25 relatively low? What's the normal tax rate for voestalpine group?

A.) The tax rate of Q1 2024/25 amounted to 20.6% and was influenced by two opposing issues:

- 1.) Decrease of tax rate: As we have reported, a company of the Metal Forming Division had made intentional journal entries to improve reported profits over several years. After uncovering these false entries, we corrected them in accordance with IAS 8 and adjusted the equity as of April 1, 2022, by -81.6 m€ and net profit for BY 2022/23 by -1.4 m€. Expected tax credits were recorded in Q1 2024/25 for that issue.
- 2.) Increase of tax rate: No tax income can be recognized for the write-downs of -28 m€ in the course of the Buderus selling process.

For BY 2024/25 tax rate is expected to be at around 24-25%.

Q.) Why did you already specify the EBITDA guidance for FY 2024/25 to around 1.7 bn€ (before: between 1.7bn€ – 1.8bn€) after the first quarter?

A.) The 1st quarter of the current business year tended to be at the lower end of expectations. In particular, the one-off effects of -28 m€ in connection with the ongoing selling process for Buderus Edelstahl had a negative impact on earnings development.

Q.) Have there been any effects of the revaluation of the gas storage in Q1 2024/25?

A.) In the first quarter 2024/25 the earnings of voestalpine Group were impacted by around -30 m€ with respect to the revaluation of the gas storage. Depending on market price development for natural gas we expect additional negative valuation effects of around 40 m€ for the remainder of the BY 2024/25.

Q.) Why did net financial debt increase by c. 100 m€ q-o-q despite only a slightly negative free cash flow of -11 m€ in Q1 2024/25?

In Q1 2024/25 we paid dividends to non-controlling interests of 86 m€.

Q.) What is your guidance for working capital, capex and free cash flow in 2024/25?

Based on a scenario of a small working capital release y-o-y and capex spending of c. 1.2 – 1.25 bn€ we expect a positive free cash flow of around 200 m€ in 2024/25.