





# The Technology of Energy Saving

**Annual Report 2024** 



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#### **Global trends**

CO<sub>2</sub> emission reduction, circular economy, population growth, increasing affluence, and energy efficiency



## **Demand**

Innovative new products that promote CO<sub>2</sub> reduction, including materials with higher energy density and higher temperature resistance, as well as products that are lighter and stronger than competing materials



# **Supply**

AMG sources, upgrades, purifies, and supplies the critical materials that the market demands



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# At a Glance

AMG's mission is to provide critical materials and related process technologies to advance a less carbon-intensive world. To this end, AMG is focused on the production and development of energy storage materials such as lithium, vanadium, and tantalum. In addition, AMG's products include highly engineered systems to reduce CO<sub>2</sub> in aerospace engines, as well as critical materials addressing CO<sub>2</sub> reduction in a variety of other end use markets.



# 42%\* | Transportation

Innovation is driving demand for critical materials in the transportation industry. AMG's lithium concentrate is in high demand as electric vehicle battery demand continues to grow. Highly engineered materials science-based solutions are needed to increase operating efficiency, lower aircraft weight and improve economics.



## 16%\* | Energy

Global energy demand growth has reached a new phase due to the increasing adoption of artificial intelligence. Increased demand will need to be met by increasing both renewable and nuclear energy and increased battery storage to support grid efficiency. AMG provides material science based technologies to recycle spent nuclear fuel and improve energy efficiency through the production of vanadium electrolyte for vanadium redox flow batteries and the production of AMG's LIVA Hybrid Energy Storage System (Hybrid ESS) for industrial applications.



#### 22%\* | Infrastructure

Improvements in infrastructure are essential to growing global GDP and reducing carbon emissions. AMG provides critical materials such as ferrovanadium for high-strength steels. These technologies are deployed in infrastructure projects that are critical to addressing global urbanization trends.



## **20%\*** | Specialty Metals & Chemicals

Specialty metals and chemicals are used to create products that improve global living standards. AMG produces customized materials science-based solutions that meet the market's exacting demands, including tantalum, a material used as a capacitor in electronics, and vanadium-based chemicals which improve the insulating and infrared absorbent properties of structural glass and chemical compounds.

<sup>\*</sup>Revenue by End Market



# **Materials by Country**



Ferrovanadium



Mo Cr

Molybdenum

Τi Titanium









Li Lithium



Τi

Titanium

Si

# 3 Brazil



Nb Αl Aluminum Master Alloys Niobium

# 4 UK



Aluminum Powders

Aluminum Master Alloys Al



Αl



**6** China







Sb

Antimony

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7 Sri Lanka









# **Management Board**



Dr. Heinz C. Schimmelbusch
Chairman & Chief Executive Officer

Dr. Schimmelbusch was appointed Chief Executive Officer and Chairman of the Management Board on November 21, 2006, and he was reappointed in 2023 for a term of two (2) years, effective May 4, 2023. He has served in a similar capacity for businesses comprising AMG since 1998. Dr. Schimmelbusch also serves as Non-Executive Chairman of the Board of various companies. Dr. Schimmelbusch served as Chairman of Metallgesellschaft AG from 1989 until he resigned in 1993. His directorships have included Allianz Versicherung AG, Mobil Oil AG, Teck Corporation, Methanex Corporation and MMC Norilsk Nickel. Dr. Schimmelbusch served as a member of the Presidency of the Federation of German Industries (BDI) and the Presidency of the International Chamber of Commerce (ICC). Dr. Schimmelbusch received his graduate degree (with distinction) and his doctorate (magna cum laude) from the University of Tübingen, Germany.



Mr. Eric E. Jackson Chief Operating Officer

Mr. Jackson was appointed a member of the AMG Management Board on April 1, 2007. He was appointed to the newly created position of Chief Operating Officer on November 9, 2011 and reappointed to the AMG Management Board for a term of four years on May 6, 2021. Mr. Jackson has served in various senior management positions for businesses now owned by AMG since 1996, most recently as President and Chief Operating Officer of Metallurg, Inc. He previously held senior management positions at Phibro, a division of Salomon Inc., Louis Dreyfus Corporation and Cargill Incorporated in Canada and the United States. Mr. Jackson received a BS degree in Economics and an MBA, both from the University of Saskatchewan.



Mr. Jackson M. Dunckel Chief Financial Officer

Mr. Dunckel was appointed Chief Financial Officer of AMG on February 1, 2016 and a member of the AMG Management Board on May 4, 2016. He was reappointed to the AMG Management Board for a term of four years on May 8, 2024. Mr. Dunckel joined AMG from the Macquarie Group Limited where he served as Managing Director and U.S. Head of Chemicals from 2010 to 2015. Prior to this, Mr. Dunckel held various senior level positions at JP Morgan Chase since 1995, including Executive Director, Investment Banking Coverage. Mr. Dunckel graduated, cum laude, with a Bachelor's degree in European History from the University of California and completed his MBA in International Finance at the Leonard Stern School of Business in 1995.



Mr. Michael Connor Chief Corporate Development Officer

Mr. Connor was appointed Chief Corporate Development Officer and a Management Board member of AMG for a term of four years on May 8, 2024. Mr. Connor joined AMG in 2010 and has served in various positions within the Company, most significantly as the Corporate Controller of the AMG Group for close to a decade. In addition, he has served as the CFO and Management Board Member of AMG Mineração BV since 2019, and as the Managing Director of AMG Lithium Gmbh since its inception. Mr. Connor came to AMG from PwC and began his career providing assurance and related services to a broad range of U.S. and multinational companies, including financial statement and controls audits, as well as accounting and advisory services. He holds accounting and MBA degrees from LaSalle University, and is a Certified Public Accountant. Additionally, Mr. Connor has completed Wharton Executive Education's Advanced Management Program, the school's flagship management program.

# Financial & Operational Highlights

1,440

Revenue \$M

181.6

**AMG Lithium** 

629.6

**AMG Vanadium** 

628.7

**AMG Technologies** 

38

Cash from Operating Activities \$M

0.48

**Lost Time Incident Rate** 

258

Adjusted Gross Profit \$M

33.4

**AMG Lithium** 

97.0

AMG Vanadium

127.2

**AMG Technologies** 

10

**Working Capital Days** 

0.90

**Total Incident Rate** 

168

Adjusted EBITDA \$M

24.1

**AMG Lithium** 

76.4

**AMG Vanadium** 

67.6

**AMG** Technologies

468

Net Debt \$M

(1.03)

Diluted Earnings per Share \$

# **Operational Highlights**

#### **AMG Group**

 In April 2024, AMG entered into a new \$100 million incremental term loan, structured as a fungible add-on to the existing \$350 million senior secured term loan, with the same pricing, terms and 2028 maturity as the existing \$350 million term loan.
 AMG used the proceeds from the new incremental term loan for general corporate purposes and lithium resource development.

#### AMG Lithium

- AMG's lithium concentrate plant expansion from 90,000 tons to 130,000 tons per year in Brazil is complete.
- On September 18, 2024 in Bitterfeld, Germany, AMG Lithium hosted the grand opening of Europe's first lithium hydroxide refinery. The commissioning and ramp-up of AMG's first 20,000-ton module of its lithium hydroxide refinery continues to progress as planned.
- AMG Lithium B.V. invested GBP 16 million (approximately USD 20 million) in Savannah Resources Plc, the developer of the Barroso Lithium Project in Portugal, Europe's largest spodumene lithium deposit. This investment gives AMG a 15.77% ownership stake, making AMG the largest shareholder of record.

#### **AMG Vanadium**

- Construction of the vanadium electrolyte plant at AMG Titanium in Nuremberg, Germany is complete, and we are producing
  qualification batches for our customers.
- In May 2024, AMG Titanium signed a new multi-year contract extension with SAFRAN to supply titanium aluminides for
  production of low-pressure turbine blades for the CFM International LEAP engine. The technology and equipment to produce
  this material was jointly developed with AMG Engineering.
- AMG Vanadium completed a 5-year contract extension with a key, long-term refinery partner for processing their spent
  catalyst. AMG Vanadium will continue to provide full metals reclamation on this material, fully eliminating any environmental
  risks for this refinery.

## **AMG Technologies**

- AMG LIVA's first third-party commercial Hybrid Energy Storage System, integrating Lithium-Ion and Vanadium Redox Flow batteries with Al-driven efficiency, is now operational at Wipotec GmbH, enhancing the facility's power system.
- In April 2024, NewMOX SAS, Grenoble, France, was formed to service the nuclear fuel market. NewMOX is a subsidiary of ALD Vacuum Technologies GmbH, AMG's engineering subsidiary focused on vacuum furnace technology, which includes sintering furnace systems enabling the production of commercial nuclear fuel from plutonium and depleted uranium.
- In December 2024, AMG signed a letter of intent to repurchase a 40% ownership interest in Graphit Kropfmühl GmbH currently owned by Alterna Capital Partners.



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# Letter to Shareholders

#### Dear fellow Shareholders,

I am pleased to share AMG's performance in 2024, a year in which we demonstrated resilience and strategic growth despite significant downward volatility in lithium and vanadium. In the face of a 65% drop in lithium market prices and a 23% decline in ferrovanadium market prices compared to the prior year, we achieved an adjusted EBITDA of \$168 million, significantly surpassing our revised guidance of "\$150 million, or more."

AMG is a growth company. The 5- and 10-year compound annual growth rates (CAGR) for our adjusted EBITDA are 26% and 9%, respectively. Compared to 19 peers (AMG's peer group confirmed by a third party), our 5-year adjusted EBITDA CAGR is the second highest and our 10-year adjusted EBITDA CAGR is the third highest among this group. These results are driven by two key factors: first, our investment strategy in battery materials, initiated in 2017, and second, the advantages we realized from our critical materials portfolio.

#### **AMG** is a Growth Company

#### Adjusted EBITDA (millions of US dollars)



Compound Annual Growth Rate (CAGR)	5-Year	10-Year
2024 AMG EBITDA	26%	9%
2023 AMG EBITDA	30%	17%

AMG's critical materials portfolio is not a conglomerate. The different constituents of the portfolio have similar business models; share the same type of market dynamics; non-conventional origins of supply; need upgrading by partly proprietary process technologies; and the marketing of the resulting materials involves technical interaction with customers (mostly industrial majors). The volatile market dynamics demand sophisticated risk management methodologies. The conversion of metallic materials into high-end applications usually requires furnaces and it is a competitive advantage to be the global leader in furnace technology. Another critical material for us is like another chemical for a chemical company: familiar territory.

We believe that AMG is undervalued. This is supported by German analyst Joerg Lang from Boerse Online, who recently observed that the present AMG market capitalization of approximately \$500 million reflects only AMG Technologies. The headline for his article, "Zukunftsrohstoffe gibt's geschenkt," translates as "Materials for the future for nothing." His estimated operating income for AMG Technologies is \$65 million. AMG Technologies' adjusted EBITDA in 2024 is approximately \$70 million. At a multiple of 10x, AMG Technologies would be valued at around \$700 million, substantially exceeding all of AMG's market capitalization of approximately \$500 million. We have no explanation other than we are difficult to model by outside analysts.

In the volatile world of critical materials, the rule for AMG management is to figure out how to be the sustainable low-cost producer, creating cash flow even when the prices reach their low. AMG has successfully applied that rule for lithium and vanadium when compared to the western competitors. Commodity investors will have observed that in general share prices, including AMG's, correlate neatly with commodity price developments.

I have often reflected on the challenges of providing one-year adjusted EBITDA guidance, particularly for a company operating in markets where material prices can fluctuate dramatically within the same year. We've seen this volatility firsthand—whether in

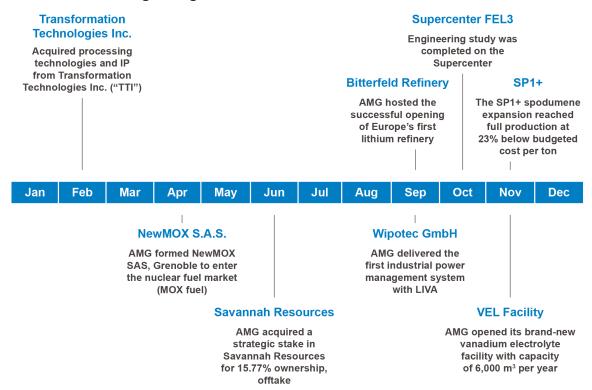
lithium in 2022 and 2023 or vanadium in 2018—when prices surged by several magnitudes only to decline significantly. While we recognize that such guidance is often expected, it remains a complex task given these unpredictable market dynamics. For instance, our second upward revision of 2024 adjusted EBITDA guidance—from "\$130 million, or more" to "\$150 million, or more"—was driven by an unexpected surge in antimony prices following China's export restrictions. The continued price increases caught even us by surprise.

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Looking ahead, given the evolving political and economic landscape, market disturbances are likely to become more frequent. As always, we will navigate these challenges with agility while maintaining transparency in our financial outlook.

## 2024 Strategic Highlights

#### Milestones & Strategic Progress



2024 was a busy year for AMG as we engaged in a series of strategic initiatives and operational advancements designed to strengthen our position as a leader in the critical materials industry and drive sustainable, long-term growth. I will highlight some here.

#### **AMG Lithium**

#### Strategic objective: "Keep building the Brazil-Portugal-Germany lithium highway"

The opening of AMG's Bitterfeld lithium refinery in 2024 marks a pivotal moment for our company and the critical materials industry. This state-of-the-art facility represents a significant step forward in our mission to support the global energy transition by providing high-purity lithium products essential for the battery industry. In the lithium value chain, a refinery is a stabilizing element as the volatility of the "conversion premium" is relatively low (around \$3,000 per ton).

The opening ceremony of the Bitterfeld refinery on September 18, 2024, was in the presence of Dr. Rainer Haseloff, Prime Minister of Sachsen-Anhalt, Germany, and Mr. Mateus Simões, Vice Governor of the State of Minas Gerais, Brazil. In my address, I said we are building a lithium highway connecting Brazil and Germany. I then noted that we will have a "refueling" station in Portugal in the form of the Lagoa spodumene plant and the Savannah mining project and will invite the Prime Minister of Portugal to join the exclusive "Highway Committee."

#### **AMG Vanadium**

#### Strategic objective: "Expanding the global leadership in circular vanadium production"

The TTI technology acquisition complements the processing options of AMG for vanadium materials. Several projects are under development that provide a regional solution for global refiners, thereby reducing risks and complexities of associated logistics and costs, linking refineries to our processing center in Ohio.

# New Electrolyte Plant in Nuremberg, Germany

In Nuremberg, Germany, we opened a new vanadium electrolyte plant for the vanadium battery feed, including LIVA batteries, marking the newest addition to the value chain of AMG Vanadium BV, incorporated in 2024. The Nuremberg facility is the largest of its kind in Europe, reinforcing our position as the leading producer of vanadium electrolytes. Given that electrolytes are liquid and costly to transport, their ability to remain in the battery throughout its lifespan and be reused in the next generation of batteries eliminates the need for recycling, making them a highly sustainable energy storage solution. As the demand for energy storage continues to drastically increase, we anticipate significant expansion in this sector.



#### From Gasification Ash to Energy Storage

The Supercenter project in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia (a project from Shell & AMG Recycling BV) is progressing. The engineering study (FEL3) was completed in October 2024. Phase 1 of this project is the building of a processing plant for the gasification ash in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia into vanadium oxides and includes a vanadium electrolyte plant and a battery for power management. Later phases include spent catalyst recycling, fresh catalysts and more vanadium battery assembly. In preparation for the expansion of LIVA into the Middle East in a significant way, we are building a LIVA demonstration battery to assist Aramco on a solar field in Tabuk that Aramco refers to as the first net-zero project in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.



1

Gasification Ash

Technology Provider: AMG

2

Spent Catalyst

Technology Provider: AMG

3

Fresh Catalyst Manufacturing

Technology Provider: Shell Catalysts & Technologies



Mass Energy Storage

Technology Provider: AMG LIVA

#### **AMG Technologies**

#### Strategic objective: "Strengthening global leadership in vacuum furnace technology"

In April 2024, AMG created NewMOX SAS, Grenoble, France. The core objective of NewMOX SAS is to develop and operate a nuclear fuel fabrication facility for MOX fuel, using plutonium from reprocessed spent nuclear fuel, thereby promoting circularity to the nuclear fuel industry. MOX fuel supply will meet the demands of the rapidly expanding Small Modular Reactor (SMR) industry. NewMOX SAS ensures flexibility in production and fast supply of various fuel types with up to 30% plutonium content to meet SMR requirements.

The beginnings of NewMOX SAS followed the commissioning of a large nuclear waste recycling facility by a customer in China, where ALD Vacuum Technologies GmbH (Hanau) provided the crucial technology, a MOX sintering furnace. The plant produces a specific nuclear fuel called MOX (Mixed Oxides) fuel, made from plutonium recovered through spent fuel reprocessing, and depleted uranium, a byproduct from uranium enrichment.

ALD builds on a strong legacy in nuclear furnace technology. The furnace technology originated from the nuclear activities of Degussa AG, Frankfurt, and made its way to ALD before ALD was even a part of AMG. In the MOX technology, ALD is the clear technology leader, evidenced by an exhaustive reference list now complemented by the newest plant in China. We expect market demand for MOX to exceed the supply and therefore go through conceptual engineering for the building of a MOX plant on a built-own-operate basis.

AMG delivered the first industrial power management system with LIVA at Wipotec GmbH. The Wipotec battery is the center of the first LIVA Power Management System for industrial use, integrating different energy sources, including renewables, and different electricity uses. Consolidating electricity flows in an internal grid is a powerful way to save electricity. This battery is the showcase for LIVA Power Management Systems in industrial plants.

#### **Inside a Vanadium Flow Battery**

In summary, the "2024 strategic highlights" photo illustrate steps in our strategy to occupy leading positions, specifically in lithium and vanadium, with major investments, partly in the first mover category. Accordingly, as an empirical measure, the average annual CapEx in the five years leading up to 2023 exceeded \$120 million—in 2021, 2022, and 2023 it exceeded \$150 million—compared to annual average CapEx of less than \$50 million in the preceding years. Fortunately, the cash flow generation in 2022 and 2023 in combination with the bond issue for the Zanesville Ohio plant and excess cash flow from AMG Technologies has been available to finance these outlays and to keep our balance sheet in conservative territory.



# **Commitment to Sustainability & Innovation**

Early on, in 2018, we formed ECO<sub>2</sub>RP, the Enabling CO<sub>2</sub> Reduction Portfolio<sup>1</sup>, a virtual subsidiary, to consolidate innovative product lines across AMG which enable CO<sub>2</sub> reduction. We performed a stringent Life Cycle Assessment for each of these product lines and calculated the CO<sub>2</sub> reduction we enabled through our customers' use of these products. We regularly report the resulting CO<sub>2</sub> reduction. This is evidence that our assumption that "critical materials are intrinsically related to CO<sub>2</sub> reduction" is correct. In 2024, ECO<sub>2</sub>RP recorded an astonishing 114 million tons of CO<sub>2</sub> "savings." To focus on enabling CO<sub>2</sub> reduction is in line with the EU taxonomy language that ranks "economic activities which make substantial contributions based on their own performance" equally with "directly enabling other activities" (EU Taxonomy Article 16 and Article 9). That seems obvious. We concluded that this would be ranked equally to clean energy production. That, however, is not so. We had to realize that regulations do not even require reporting on Scope 4 efforts or results. The private carbon trading outfits, busy with opaque business models mostly related to trees in Latin America, declined to trade these enabled CO<sub>2</sub> reduction units ("too complicated"). All of that is despite "enabled" CO<sub>2</sub> reduction under Scope 4 resulting in much higher CO<sub>2</sub> reduction than what can be achieved with innovations under Scopes 1, 2, and 3.

In November 2021, we entered into a 5-year \$200 million senior secured sustainability linked revolving credit facility, the interest rate of which is reduced when meeting two key performance indicators. The first is related to Scopes 1 and 2 emissions and the second is to avoid emissions. Since its inception, these KPI's have been met, and the interest rate reduction was achieved.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> This metric is outside of the scope of CSRD.

Given our experiences with Scope 4, we are complementing measuring the enabled  $CO_2$  savings by our customers with the measuring of the estimated saving of energy. This change reflects our commitment to providing a tangible and universally understood metric that aligns more directly with operational efficiency and sustainability and is more relevant to our customers' priorities and goals. Energy savings offer a concrete, measurable benefit that directly impacts costs and resource consumption. Additionally, with inconsistent global attention to  $CO_2$  regulation, emphasizing the saving of energy ensures our efforts resonate with broader sustainability initiatives while maintaining transparency and relevance.

The largest contributor within our ECO<sub>2</sub>RP virtual segment is the Thermal Barrier Coating (TBC) of aerospace turbine blades. It accounted for approximately 76 million metric tons of enabled CO<sub>2</sub> out of the total 114 million metric tons of enabled CO<sub>2</sub> in 2024. TBCs enable higher operating temperatures in aerospace engines which reduces CO<sub>2</sub> emissions by decreasing the consumption of jet fuel. The corresponding estimated annual energy savings amount to 104,500 GWh. The estimated crude oil equivalent annual savings are 584 million barrels, or approximately 1.6 million barrels per day.

## Thermal Barrier Coating and the Saving of Energy

ALD Vacuum Technologies GmbH (Hanau), the largest company in AMG Technologies, is the world leader in building TBCs around the globe operated by our customers such as Pratt & Whitney, GE, Linde, Rolls Royce, Safran, and others.

#### **Thermal Barrier Coating Leadership**



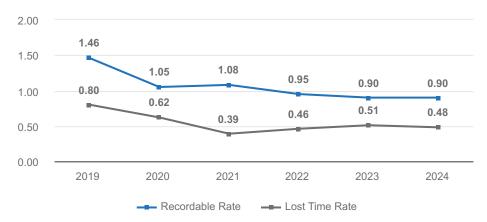
TBC customers include Pratt & Whitney, GE, Rolls Royce, Safran and others

#### Safety

AMG has tied its all-time best recordable rate of 0.90 again this year after setting the record in 2023. Our recordable rate is 74% better than the industry average. AMG also improved its lost time rate to 0.48 from 0.51 last year, a 6% decrease. Our lost time rate is 52% better than the industry average.

As reported regularly, we relentlessly pursue the health and safety of our employees with a target of zero incidents. As evidence that our efforts bear fruit, 78% of our global facilities had zero lost time injuries in 2024.

#### Our Commitment to a Safer Workplace



Description	Industry average	AMG 2024
Recordable Rate	3.40	0.90
Lost Time Rate	1.00	0.48

#### **AMG Values**

At AMG, our committed values are the foundation of everything we do, guiding our actions and shaping our culture. We are committed to acting safely, not just as a core operational principle, but as a promise to our employees, partners, and communities. Safety underpins our success and allows us to operate with the confidence and reliability expected by all who depend on us. Equally, we prioritize creating value for our stakeholders—whether they are our customers, shareholders, or employees—by delivering innovative solutions that drive growth and prosperity.

Respect for people is at the heart of our values. We believe that fostering a culture of collaboration, inclusivity, and fairness is essential to achieving our mission. We are also deeply committed to protecting our planet, enabling measurable reductions in CO<sub>2</sub> emissions through our critical materials and technologies. CO<sub>2</sub> emissions can also be expressed in energy savings as seen above. By delivering tangible environmental benefits, we play a vital role in supporting the global transition to sustainability. Finally, we act with integrity in all that we do, ensuring our business practices are transparent, ethical, and responsible. Together, these values not only define who we are as a company but also reinforce our commitment to building a better future for all. This statement includes a commitment to what is generally referred to as "Inclusion."

We respect people, meaning all people. We believe that fostering a culture of diversity enables us to harness the full potential of our global team and drive better outcomes for our stakeholders. That also implies inclusion. We are an innovative company, and innovations originate from teamwork.

In 2024, we made significant strides in our commitment to diversity, with help from our Corporate Diversity & Inclusion Council, established in 2022. One highlight of the year was the introduction of our scholarship program for young women pursuing careers in engineering and materials science at the Colorado School of Mines. This scholarship aims to empower the next generation of female leaders in fields traditionally underrepresented by women. We are proud to announce that this initiative will become a recurring program, reinforcing our long-term dedication to gender diversity.

To better understand and support our employees, we conducted a company-wide employee engagement survey. The results were overwhelmingly positive, with an exceptional turnout that reflected the enthusiasm and commitment of our workforce. The feedback received underscored our employees' appreciation for our inclusive environment and provided valuable insights into areas for continuous improvement. These findings will guide our efforts to enhance the workplace experience for all.

This year, I am proud to share two remarkable honors that reflect AMG's commitment to excellence. AMG Brazil received the prestigious Human Being Award, recognizing our exemplary corporate culture and leadership in ESG principles. Additionally, AMG Engineering/ALD was named an industry leader by the F.A.Z. Institut for its outstanding HR policy in mechanical and plant engineering.

These awards and our other achievements this year reflect the collective commitment of our team to fostering a diverse and inclusive workplace. By continuing to champion initiatives that promote diversity and listening closely to our employees, we aim to strengthen our culture and build a brighter, more inclusive future for AMG and the communities we serve.

# **Looking Ahead**

In terms of a macro view, the lithium market is poised for significant developments in 2025, driven by strong demand growth and shifting market dynamics. The global EV market grew by 25% in 2024 and is expected to increase by over 20% in 2025, with China leading at +14% and Europe rebounding due to stricter CO<sub>2</sub> regulations. Battery-based energy storage systems (BESS) are the fastest-growing lithium demand segment in 2024 (+53%). Estimating the growth of this segment is particularly challenging as the ESS market is still in its early stages of development.

In the medium-term, we believe the global lithium EV battery demand will continue to grow at 20% or more. The lithium demand for stationary batteries has to be added and remains the largest unknown factor. The growth of the solar industry in China and the resulting need for BESS is also unknown. The BESS CAGR in China might exceed 30% and be on an even faster timeline than first anticipated. That could be instrumental in determining when the lithium price will take off from its present low.

BESS also drives the future demand of vanadium (including AMG's LIVA solution). The vanadium flow battery solution will benefit from this growth trend and the relative competitiveness of lithium versus vanadium batteries will partly be a function of the respective price volatilities. Most predictions state that the vanadium demand from the BESS segment in 2030 will be larger than the total vanadium demand today, which is dominated by its use in steel. This growth will require higher vanadium prices for new projects to be financed.



Dr. Heinz Schimmelbusch

**Chief Executive Officer** 

# **AMG Lithium**



Lithium Hydroxide battery-grade refinery (Bitterfeld, Germany)

Lithium prices weakened year-over-year, leading to the 56% decline in AMG Lithium's 2024 revenue compared to the prior year. However, due to AMG's low-cost position, AMG Lithium delivered positive adjusted EBITDA in 2024 of \$24 million. The decrease in adjusted EBITDA was driven primarily by the 65% decrease in annual average lithium prices in 2024 compared to 2023.

Our Brazilian lithium concentrate plant expansion from 90,000 tons to 130,000 tons per year is complete. AMG is one of the lowest-cost lithium concentrate mines in the world, and we plan to maintain this competitive advantage.

181.6	33.4	24.1
Revenue \$M	Adjusted Gross Profit \$M	Adjusted EBITDA \$M

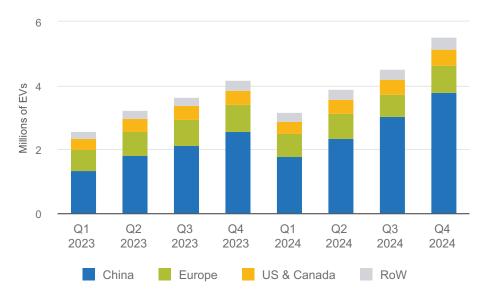
On September 18, 2024, in Bitterfeld, Germany, AMG hosted the grand opening of Europe's first lithium hydroxide refinery. With the refinery, AMG is the first mover, making a decisive contribution to securing the supply of the critical raw material lithium for the industry in Germany and Europe. The commissioning and ramp-up of AMG's first 20,000-ton module of its lithium hydroxide refinery continues to progress as planned.

AMG Lithium B.V. is pleased to announce a capital investment of GBP 16 million in Savannah Resources Plc, the developer of the Barroso Lithium Project in Portugal, Europe's largest spodumene lithium deposit. AMG's capital investment yields a 15.77% ownership stake, making AMG the largest shareholder of record. Through this agreement, Savannah and AMG will be contributing towards the domestic extraction and processing targets for lithium raw material set forth in the 2023 European Critical Raw Materials Act. This partnership with Savannah represents yet another step in expanding AMG's lithium resource portfolio.

The establishment of our own complete lithium value chain contributes to the European Critical Raw Materials Act and offers greater independence for raw materials and critical materials.

The global electric vehicle (EV) market grew more than 25% year-over-year in 2024, with double-digit growth in China (>40%) and more than 10% growth in the United States. In 2025, EV growth is expected to exceed 20%, driven by demand in China and a strong European market led by the EU's CO<sub>2</sub> emission reduction targets. (ESRS 2 SBM1, 40(a)i, 40 (a)ii)

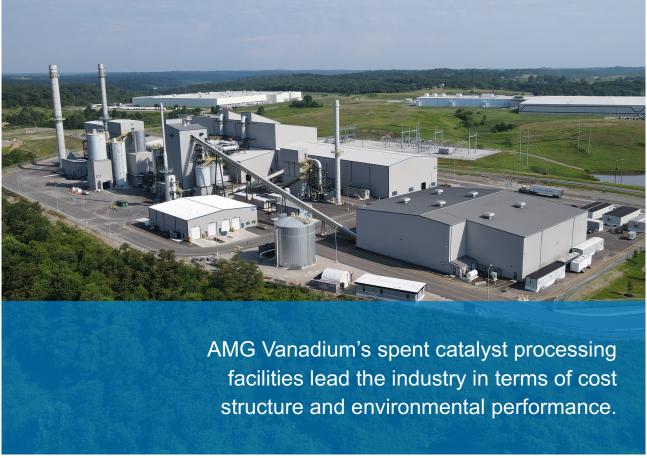
#### Global New Electric Vehicle Sales Year-Over-Year Growth +25%



Sources: IEA. License: CC BY 4.0. Quarterly electric car sales by region, 2021-2024 | Rho Motion

# **AMG Vanadium**

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AMG Vanadium (Zanesville, Ohio, USA)

AMG Vanadium's segmental revenue during 2024 was 11% lower than in 2023 due to the lower average annual sales prices in vanadium versus 2023, partially offset by increased sales volumes in chrome metal. Full year 2024 adjusted gross profit was 5% higher than in 2023, driven by the increased chrome metal volumes during 2024, partially offset by the lower average annual sales prices in vanadium.

AMG Vanadium's profitability was negatively impacted by the 23% decrease in average market prices for ferrovanadium in 2024 compared to the prior year. This decrease was partially offset by increased cost-offsets from Section 45X, a production credit for domestic manufacturing of critical materials for which AMG Vanadium qualified based on the Inflation Reduction Act, however adjusted EBITDA in 2024 decreased to \$76 million from \$81 million in 2023.

629.6	97.0	76.4
Revenue \$M	Adjusted Gross Profit \$M	Adjusted EBITDA \$M

Construction of the vanadium electrolyte plant at AMG Titanium in Nuremberg, Germany is complete, and we are producing qualification batches for our customers.

In May 2024, AMG Titanium signed a new multi-year contract extension with SAFRAN to supply titanium aluminides for production of low-pressure turbine blades for the CFM International LEAP engine. The technology and equipment to produce this material was jointly developed with AMG Engineering.

SARBV's "Supercenter" phase 1 project in Saudi Arabia is in detailed engineering with the permit to construct expected by the end of the first quarter 2025. Long lead equipment is being procured, and project financing has been initiated.

AMG Vanadium completed a 5-year contract extension with a key, long-term refinery partner for processing their spent catalyst. AMG Vanadium will continue to provide full metals reclamation on this material, fully eliminating any environmental risks for this refinery.

AMG has completed its major investments in the vanadium segment, including doubling production capacity in Ohio.

In February 2024, AMG Vanadium acquired a suite of processing technologies and IP related activities from TTI. AMG is integrating the TTI technology into its global strategic growth initiatives. AMG and TTI will also cooperate in market development areas where TTI has strong experience in the design and construction of plants using TTI technologies. This acquisition amplifies AMG's leadership position in recycling refinery waste and further improves the value proposition we offer the global oil refining industry. By leveraging the synergies of TTI and AMG's technologies, we can improve both the efficiency and CO<sub>2</sub> footprint in our expanding global recycling operations which are conducted through our Shell & AMG Recycling joint venture. (ESRS 2 SBM1, 40(a)i, 40 (a)ii)



Vanadium Electrolyte plant at AMG Titanium (Nuremberg, Germany)

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Thermal Barrier Coating for aerospace turbine blades, ALD Vacuum Technologies GmbH (Hanau, Germany)

AMG Technologies' revenue during 2024 increased by 24%, largely due to the strong performance of its engineering unit as well as higher sales prices of antimony and higher sales volumes of silicon. Adjusted EBITDA in 2024 was \$68 million, more than double the \$33 million in 2023, largely as a result of higher profitability in Antimony, Engineering, and Graphite.

628.7	127.2	67.6
Revenue \$M	Adjusted Gross Profit \$M	Adjusted EBITDA \$M

AMG Technologies reported exceptional results driven by our market-leading position in our engineering businesses and strong results in our diversified mineral operations. Innovations in aerospace technology, such as our advanced technologies and materials, are creating new opportunities for aircraft manufacturers and suppliers. Airlines are ramping up operations, leading to higher aircraft orders. Additionally, there is a growth emphasis on sustainability, driving demand for fuel-efficient and environmentally friendly aircraft, directly impacting the demand for our products and services.

AMG Engineering signed a record-breaking \$380 million in new orders during 2024. This full year order intake, representing a 1.27x book to bill ratio, was driven by exceptionally strong orders of remelting and induction furnaces. AMG Engineering achieved an order backlog of \$374 million as of December 31, 2024.

AMG LIVA is engaged in the execution of several battery projects to optimize the energy management of industrial plants and incorporate renewable energy sources. AMG LIVA's first third-party commercial Hybrid Energy Storage System is now operational at Wipotec GmbH, a leading global provider of intelligent weighing and inspection technology located in Southern Germany. LIVA's energy storage system integrates Lithium-Ion and Vanadium Redox Flow batteries with Al-driven efficiency, enhancing the power system at Wipotec's facility.

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NewMOX SAS was formed in 2024 to service the nuclear fuel market. NewMOX is a subsidiary of ALD Vacuum Technologies GmbH, AMG's engineering subsidiary focused on vacuum furnace technology, which includes sintering furnace systems enabling the production of commercial nuclear fuel from plutonium and depleted uranium (termed "MOX"). In the past ALD's MOX technology has been applied in Germany, the United States, France, Belgium, the United Kingdom and recently ALD has been delivering such furnace systems to China. The storage of plutonium is extremely costly due to the risks associated with plutonium. The conversion of plutonium into MOX fuel not only eliminates these risks but can be a commercially attractive alternative to storage.

The segment is benefiting from the current strength in the aerospace sector, which is on a steady upward trajectory driven by a combination of recovery efforts, technological advancements, and a focus on sustainability.

Graphit Kropfmühl and BASF entered into an innovative agreement to reduce their product carbon footprint. Under this agreement, BASF will supply renewable energy certificates, known as Guarantees of Origin ("GoOs") to Graphit Kropfmühl's production site in Hauzenberg, Germany. By using these GoOs, the carbon footprint of graphite produced by Graphit Kropfmühl at the Hauzenberg site will be reduced by at least 25 percent. This graphite will then be used by BASF as a raw material for the production of Neopor®, which will therefore also have a lower product carbon footprint.

In December 2024, AMG signed a letter of intent to repurchase a 40% ownership interest in Graphit Kropfmühl GmbH currently owned by Alterna Capital Partners.

AMG Silicon has temporarily halted operations for the two furnaces it had been running since March 2024. Electricity prices between 90 and 100 €/MWh have forced AMG Silicon to cease operations in February 2025, with maintenance work currently underway to implement a temporary shutdown. We plan to begin operating one furnace again in the second quarter of 2025. Due to these interruptions in AMG Silicon's operations, the profitability of the business is immaterial and excluded from adjusted EBITDA during this period of abnormal operations. (ESRS 2 SBM1, 40(a)i, 40 (a)ii)

# Risk Management & Internal Controls

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AMG employs a risk management approach that identifies and mitigates risk at all levels of the organization.

The Audit & Risk Management Committee is comprised of Dr. Donatella Ceccarelli (Chair), Willem van Hassel and Warmolt Prins, and meets at least on a quarterly basis. In addition to its Audit Committee duties, this committee is responsible for monitoring and advising the Supervisory Board on the risk environment as well as the risk management processes of AMG.

# Risk Management Approach

AMG employs a risk management approach that identifies and mitigates risk at all levels of the organization. The Company analyzes risks in formal settings such as scheduled Management Board and Supervisory Board meetings as well as everyday operational situations faced by its global employee base. AMG utilizes a comprehensive Enterprise Risk Management program (ERM) centered on the Company's Risk Assessment Package (RAP). The RAP includes a "top-down" and "bottom-up" analysis and assessment of the Company's risks. The RAP is a detailed document requiring each business unit to:

- (a) identify potential risks and quantify the impact of such risks;
- (b) prioritize the risks using a ranking system to estimate the financial impact, probability, and mitigation delay of these risks;
- (c) describe the risk mitigation or transfer procedures in place;
- (d) document the periodic monitoring of the risks;
- (e) assign the individuals responsible for monitoring the risks;
- (f) review the trends of the risks identified by the business units; and
- (g) periodically audit previous RAP submissions to evaluate the risk management process.

Each business unit undertakes a full review of its RAP on a quarterly basis. The RAPs are then reviewed and discussed in detail by the Management Board of AMG.

AMG's risk management functions in coordination with the senior management of each business unit. Direct follow-up calls take place by AMG's Chief Financial Officer and his team with the Presidents of the business units. The corporate Legal, Finance and HSE (Health, Safety and Environment) functions also contribute to the quarterly submission of risks identified. Key risks from all business units and functions are then summarized and presented to the Management Board, which reviews them. Any new material risk assessment observed by a business unit or function is reported instantly to the Management Board, while individual risks of special note are regularly discussed at the Management Board's bi-weekly meetings. The Chair of the Audit & Risk Management Committee of the Supervisory Board is informed immediately of any new material risk assessments which have been reported to the Management Board. The Audit & Risk Management Committee of the Supervisory Board formally reviews the consolidated risk package provided by AMG's Management Board during its quarterly meetings. In addition, the Audit & Risk Management Committee of the Supervisory Board supervises, monitors, and reports on the Company's internal control and risk management programs. (ESRS 2 GOV5, 35, 36 (a-c))

During 2024, special attention was given to:

- (a) liquidity and cash flow;
- (b) supply chain disruptions;
- (c) global recession and inflation;
- (d) raw material inputs including global energy costs;
- (e) managing price and volume risk associated with the volatility of commodities;
- (f) information technology and cybersecurity;
- (g) improving contractual terms to lessen inventory price risk;
- (h) evaluating the risk of climate change both on AMG's operations as well as potential supply and demand issues associated with an increasing emphasis on CO<sub>2</sub> reduction;
- (i) understanding geopolitical risks; and
- (j) evaluating risks associated with long-term contracts.

Appropriate and diverse lines of property and liability insurance coverage are also an integral part of AMG's risk management program.

#### **Risks**

Risks faced by AMG can be broadly categorized as:

Strategic: includes risks related to marketing and sales strategy, product innovation, technology innovation, project execution risk, and acquisitions or divestitures;

Operational: includes risks related to executing the strategic direction, production, raw material sourcing, capacity utilization, maintenance of production equipment, distribution of products, labor relations, human resources, IT infrastructure and cybersecurity, and health, safety and environmental issues;

Market and External: includes risks related to global and regional economic conditions, market supply/demand characteristics, competition, metal prices, product substitution, customer and supplier performance and community relations;

Financial: includes risks related to compliance with credit facility covenants, currency fluctuations, liquidity, refinancing, budgeting, metal price and currency hedging, treasury and tax functions, accuracy and timeliness of financial reporting, compliance with IFRS-EU accounting standards, compliance with the Netherlands Authority for the Financial Markets (AFM) and Euronext Amsterdam requirements;

Climate Change: includes risks related to the physical impact of weather-related events, more volatile weather patterns, water scarcity, flooding, wildfires, as well as transitional impacts and opportunities such as changing supply and demand dynamics associated with customers and suppliers focusing on reducing CO<sub>2</sub>; and

Legal and Regulatory: includes risks related to the political, environmental, legislative, and corporate governance landscape

AMG is subject to a broad array of risks which are inherent in the markets in which it operates. While all risks are important to consider, the following are the principal risks that could have a material impact on results.

## **Metal Price Volatility Risk**

AMG is exposed to metal price volatility. AMG is primarily a processor of metals, so risk can arise from short-term changes in price between purchase, process, and sale of the metals or from end-user price risk for metals when raw materials are purchased under fixed-price contracts. The Company hedges exchange-traded metals when possible.

In its aluminum business, AMG also sells conversion services with no metal-price risk. However, most metals, alloys and chemicals that AMG processes and sells, such as vanadium, chrome metal, tantalum, lithium, graphite, niobium, and antimony trioxide, cannot be hedged on an exchange. Most prices in 2024, except for antimony, decreased versus 2023, and in some cases quite significantly.

To mitigate price risk across its portfolio, AMG takes the following actions:

- Seeks to enter into complementary raw material supply agreements and sales agreements whereby the price is determined by the same index;
- · Aligns its raw material purchases with sales orders from customers;
- Establishes low-cost long positions in key raw materials through, for example, ownership positions in mining activities or structured long-term supply contracts;
- Maintains limits on acceptable metals positions, as approved by the Management Board; and
- Enters into long-term fixed-price sales contracts at prices which are expected to be sustainably above the cost of production.

Success of the mitigation plan is dependent on the severity of metal price volatility and on the stability of counterparties performing under their contracts. Due to the diverse mix of metals that AMG processes and the fact that metal processing has more pass-through risk than long-position risk, this risk is difficult to quantify.

# **Mining Risk**

At its lithium and tantalum mine in Brazil and two graphite mines in Germany and Sri Lanka, AMG is exposed to certain safety, regulatory, geopolitical, environmental, operational, and economic risks that are inherent to a mining operation. The profitability and sustainability of the Company's operations in various jurisdictions could be negatively impacted by environmental legislation or political developments, including changes to safety standards and permitting processes. The mining businesses have certain operational risks related to the ability to extract materials, including weather conditions, the performance of key machinery and the ability to maintain appropriate tailings dams. These risks are all mitigated by continuous monitoring and maintenance of all mining activities. AMG has always recognized the need to carefully manage the risk associated with tailings dams within its operations and takes its commitment to ensuring the safety of its workforce and the surrounding communities very seriously. AMG leadership commissioned a study that was conducted by a third party to ensure that its three tailings dams in Brazil are legally compliant and technically sound. The outcome of the legal study indicated we are compliant with applicable regulation as related to our three tailings facilities.

Mining is also subject to geological risk relating to the uncertainty of mine resources, and economic risk relating to the uncertainty of future market prices of particular minerals. Geological risk is managed by continuously updating mine maps and plans; however, the profitability of the Company's mining operations is also dependent upon the market price of mineral commodities. Mineral prices fluctuate widely and are affected by numerous factors beyond the control of the Company. The level of interest rates, the rate of inflation, world supply of mineral commodities, consumption patterns, speculative activities and stability of exchange rates can all cause significant fluctuations in prices. The prices of mineral commodities have fluctuated widely in recent years. Continued future price volatility could cause commercial production to be impracticable. Mitigation strategies include managing price risk by entering into long-term fixed-price contracts with customers, and via vertical integration strategies.

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Other cost-related strategies include continuously reducing cost of production for current products or expanding product lines to enable profitable mine production even in low price environments.

#### **Customer Risk**

Customer concentrations in certain business units amplify the importance of monitoring customer risk. In addition, turbulent economic conditions for commodity producers increase customer risk. Since AMG has a low appetite for customer credit risk, the Company attempts to mitigate this exposure by insuring and monitoring receivables, maintaining a diversified product and contract portfolio, and retaining adequate liquidity. AMG has insured its accounts receivable where economically feasible and has set credit limits on its customers, which are closely tracked. In addition to constant monitoring from business unit leaders, AMG's Management Board reviews accounts receivable balances monthly. Given that the Company has thousands of customers, this risk is difficult to quantify. However, no single customer accounts for more than 6% of AMG's revenues, and therefore, while the impact of a customer failure is manageable, it may have an adverse impact on results. In particular, AMG Engineering can mitigate a portion of customer payment and performance risk due to the collection of prepayments from many of its customers. In addition to risks associated with collectability of receivables, AMG has long-term contracts with numerous customers that have enabled the Company to solidify relationships and deepen its knowledge of its customer base. If a customer does not perform according to a long-term contract and a replacement customer cannot be immediately found, it could have an adverse impact on results.

# Supply Risk

All three of AMG's segments are dependent on supplies of metals and metal-containing raw materials to produce their products. Despite a normally low appetite for risk in most categories, supply risk is more difficult to manage given the limited number of suppliers for certain materials. Some of these raw materials are available from only a few sources or a few countries, including countries that have some amount of political risk. AMG Engineering is dependent on a limited number of suppliers for many of the components of its vacuum furnace systems because of its stringent quality requirements. If the availability of AMG's raw materials or engineering components is limited, the Company could suffer from reduced capacity utilization. This could result in lower economies of scale and higher per-unit costs. If AMG is not able to pass on its increased costs, financial results could be negatively impacted. To mitigate the risk of raw materials and supplies becoming difficult to source, AMG enters into longer-term contracts with its suppliers when practical and has been diversifying its supplier base when alternative suppliers are available. The Company also mitigates the risk by monitoring supplier performance, maintaining a diversified product portfolio and retaining adequate liquidity.

# **Project Execution Risk**

AMG has been engaged in expanding its operating footprint via capital expenditures. These projects, which include amongst others, the lithium concentrate expansion in Brazil, the battery-grade lithium hydroxide plant in Germany, and the vanadium electrolyte plant in Nuremberg, Germany, carry significant technological, logistical, and project management risks. These risks can result in the delay of a project or, in extreme cases, an inability to complete the project with the projected production volume. AMG manages the risks inherent in building and expanding plants via a comprehensive engineering stage-gate process. In order to support this work, AMG has created a stand-alone engineering group in Brazil that manages the various projects and reports directly to the Management Board regarding each project's progress or potential delays. This group is tasked with utilizing best practices across all of AMG's projects in order to minimize completion or delay risk. This group executes a supplier contracting strategy that is designed to incentivize on-time delivery and performance and reduce AMG's risks with regard to delay or non-performance. AMG believes that its centralized engineering group is differentiated versus its peers and provides a competitive advantage in terms of managing project risk, but nonetheless, project execution risk is a significant, ongoing risk during this period of expansion.

# Legal and Regulatory Risk

AMG must comply with evolving regulatory environments in the countries and regions where it conducts business. Adjustments to environmental policy, as well as governmental restrictions on the flexibility to operate in certain locations, could affect the Company. AMG is required to comply with various international trade laws, including import, export, export control and economic sanctions laws. Failure to comply with any of these regulations could have an adverse effect on the Company's financial results, and AMG's appetite for regulatory compliance risk is very low. Additionally, changes to these laws could limit AMG's ability to conduct certain business. A change in regulatory bodies that have jurisdiction over AMG products and facilities could also result in new restrictions, including those relating to the storage or disposal of legacy material at AMG-owned properties. This may result in significantly higher costs to AMG. See note 32 to the consolidated financial statements for more details on the currently known environmental sites. More stringent regulations may be enacted for air emissions, wastewater discharge or solid waste, which may negatively impact AMG's operations. In addition, international and governmental policies and regulations may restrict AMG's access to key materials or scarce natural resources in certain regions or countries or may limit its ability to operate with respect to certain countries.

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As regulations change, the Company proactively works to implement any required changes in advance of the deadlines. The REACH Directive is in effect in the European Union, and AMG's business units pre-registered all required materials and made complete registrations for those products. AMG has continuing obligations to comply with international and national regulations and practices concerning corporate organization, business conduct, corporate governance, and reporting. For example, in addressing possible conflicts of interest affecting its Management or Supervisory Board members, AMG follows strict rules which are described in the Company's Articles of Association and the Rules of Procedure of the Management Board and Supervisory Board, respectively. Compliance with both legal and regulatory matters is monitored and augmented by the Company's Chief Compliance Officer and the Company's General Counsel who make use of the services of several prominent local and global law firms. The AMG Code of Business Conduct and AMG's Values, both updated in 2023, have been distributed to all employees and are available in all workplace locations in local languages and are monitored by a global network of compliance officers and representatives who are stationed at all sites of the AMG Group. Fraud risks are continuously monitored by the Management Board and the Internal Audit function together with the key finance managers of the units, reviewing the proper operation of controls framework, with regular reporting to the Audit & Risk Management Committee. Continuous mandatory training programs, and updates thereof, are provided by the Company to its management and employees to ensure appropriate business conduct. An estimate of potential impact related to regulatory risk is not possible.

AMG's global Speak Up & Reporting Policy is widely available and provides guidance to every employee, contractor or third party, including suppliers, customers, local communities and stakeholders, about how to voice concerns relating to AMG's business or people in confidence and without fear of retaliation. In 2024, AMG launched its web-based Speak Up Portal which allows employees and third parties, including stakeholders, to file reports anonymously. Employees and third parties, including stakeholders and local communities, are encouraged to first report concerns to the relevant managers or supervisors at their local AMG office or industrial site since they are usually best equipped to resolve concerns quickly and effectively. If concerns remain unresolved or one feels uncomfortable using these local channels for other reasons, one can contact AMG Compliance about any concerns through the channels that are published on the Corporate Governance section of AMG's website that include AMG's Speak Up portal since 2024.

# Climate Change Risk and Opportunity

The effects of climate change are increasingly visible on the environment, society, and the global economy. AMG evaluates climate risk in two ways: as part of our Enterprise Risk Management (ERM) program (centered on the Company's Risk Assessment Package, which includes a "top-down" and "bottom-up" analysis and assessment of the Company's risks). and as part of our operational work focused on reducing our business's direct and indirect impacts on climate change. These risks are reported from the business units to the Management Board and summarized in reports to the Audit & Risk Management Committee and the Supervisory Board.

AMG is fully committed to proactively understanding and addressing climate risks and opportunities. First: physical risk, i.e., climate change - rising sea levels, extreme weather, water shortages - may directly (physically) threaten valuable company assets. Second: transition risk, i.e., global efforts to reduce CO<sub>2</sub> emissions or otherwise mitigate the effects of climate change could affect the value of company assets in a major way. As part of this commitment, we have conducted a comprehensive scenario analysis exercise to assess our global footprint's exposure to physical climate risks. Additionally, we completed a preliminary transition risk analysis of our portfolio and top supplier facilities. This analysis involved evaluating the potential impacts of climate scenarios based on five different emission pathways, ranging from a "No Policy" scenario with a temperature increase of over 4°C to the "Paris Aspiration" scenario aiming for a 1.5°C increase.

Based on the analysis and climate modeling scenarios, no climate-related physical or transition risks have been identified which would have a material effect on amounts and disclosures included in the financial statements as of December 31, 2024. We will continue to assess our analyses in alignment with European Sustainability Reporting Standards (ESRS) and present details on their outcomes in future Sustainability Statements.

See the Sustainable Development chapter in this Annual Report for additional details on our climate related physical and transitional risk analysis.

# **Currency Risk**

AMG's global production and sales footprint exposes the Company to potential adverse changes in currency exchange rates, resulting in transaction, translation, and economic foreign exchange risk. These risks arise from operations, investments and financing transactions related to AMG's international business profile. While AMG transacts business in numerous currencies other than its functional currency, the US dollar, the Company's primary areas of exposure are the euro, Brazilian real, and British pound. Given the location of our operations, it is not possible to mitigate translation risk in a cost-effective manner. AMG has developed a uniform foreign exchange policy that governs the activities of its subsidiaries and corporate headquarters. AMG enters into non-speculative spot and forward hedge transactions to mitigate its transaction risk exposure. The Company will also at times hold cash in foreign currencies to naturally hedge certain translation risks. AMG's overall economic foreign exchange risk is somewhat mitigated by the natural hedge provided by its global operations and diversified portfolio of products: namely, the majority of AMG's products are sold in the country in which they are produced. While AMG will continue to manage foreign exchange risk and hedge exposures where appropriate, fundamental changes in exchange rates could have an adverse impact on the Company's financial results.

# Competition

AMG's markets are highly competitive. The Company competes domestically and internationally with multinational, regional and local providers. AMG competes primarily on product technology, quality, availability, distribution, price, and service. Competition may also arise from alternative materials and the development of new products. Increased competition could lead to higher supply or lower overall pricing. AMG is a leader in many of its key niche markets. The Company strives to be at the forefront of technology and product development. Despite this, there can be no assurance that the Company will not be materially impacted by increased competition.

# **Product Quality, Safety and Liability**

AMG's products are used in various applications including mission critical components. Failure to maintain strict quality control could result in material liabilities and reputational damage. The Company maintains a stringent quality control program to ensure its products meet or exceed customer requirements and regulatory standards. AMG further mitigates this risk via liability insurance.

# Financing Risk

A prolonged restriction on AMG's ability to access the capital markets and additional financing may negatively affect the Company's ability to fund future innovations and capital projects. AMG's financing risk was mitigated in November 2021 with the Company's refinancing and in April 2024 with the issuance of a new \$100 million incremental loan. In November 2021, the Company entered into a new \$350 million 7-year senior secured term loan B facility ("term loan") and a \$200 million 5-year senior secured revolving credit facility ("revolver"). The total facility amount of \$550 million replaced AMG's existing credit facility and extended our term loan maturity from 2025 to 2028 and revolver maturity from 2023 to 2026. The \$100 million incremental term loan has the same pricing, terms, and 2028 maturity as the existing term loan. AMG used the proceeds of the new incremental term loan for general corporate purposes and lithium resource development. Our financing risk is further mitigated by the year-end 2024 liquidity of \$494 million. AMG's exposure to rising interest rates is substantially mitigated as a majority of the company's outstanding debt facilities are either fixed-rate facilities or fixed due to interest rate swaps for the next several years. AMG has an average interest charge across its two main debt instruments of 5.7%. AMG's future liquidity is dependent on the Company's continued compliance with the terms and conditions of its credit facility and its ability to refinance. As of December 31, 2024, the Company was in compliance with all financial covenants.

# **Business Interruption**

A significant interruption of a key business operation could have a material impact on results. AMG's operations could be impacted by many factors including a natural disaster, serious incident, or labor strike. Key suppliers and customers could also experience business interruption whereby the Company is indirectly impacted. AMG's broadly diversified business model mitigates some of the risk associated with business interruption. The Company's insurance policies also include business interruption coverage subject to certain terms. AMG attempts to further mitigate this risk by actively monitoring the supply chain and maintaining rigorous training programs on operational and safety procedures.

# Information Technology (IT)

The Company utilizes both internal and external IT systems to achieve our overall business objectives. Our IT systems are used for, but not limited to, the processing and storing of financial information, business planning, order processing, and intellectual property. We believe AMG is exposed to IT threats given the Company's global footprint and our use of technology. An information security incident, including a cybersecurity breach, could have a negative impact on the Company's business, financial condition, and reputation. AMG experienced one instance of ransomware infection in 2021, but due to the backup and security systems in place, this resulted in no monetary loss and no business interruption. AMG experienced no instances of successful ransomware attacks in 2024. The Company believes its improvement in resilience and preventative measures in place adequately mitigate the risk of a significant company-wide IT incident. Such measures include:

- · Diversity and physical separation of systems across our businesses—each unit maintains their own IT platform disconnected from other units
- · Complete asset management of IT and IT network inventory. Larger business units have a live asset view of devices with software version tracking
- Proactive patching processes that ensure that all patches are implemented as soon as possible

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- Separation of business IT networks, operational technology, and production networks
- Segregation of IT networks in different risk segments
- Proactively monitoring activities on the networks and/or endpoints
- Disaster recovery planning including dry runs and tabletop exercises
- · Information security training and compliance programs
- IT security measures at all business units include next generation firewalls, encryption, physical access controls, endpoint detection and response software for virus and malware detection and remote-controlled countermeasures, multi-factor authentication for field staff/working from home, staff and privileged accounts, on-site and off-site offline backup schemes
- · Regular testing of backup functionality
- · Websites are hosted and maintained by an external partner and are not connected to the company's computer network
- Exposure to the internet is reduced to the minimum

AMG's Management Board has overall responsibility for the Company's information technology. The Company's CFO is responsible for oversight and compliance and provides updates to the Management Board on a regular basis and reports to the Supervisory Board on IT matters at least annually. In 2021, the Company engaged a third-party cyber security provider to assess our IT risks and improve our IT systems across all AMG units. In 2022, AMG hired a Global Information Security Officer, and implemented a comprehensive cybersecurity implementation plan. This plan improved AMG's cybersecurity defenses in 2022, and a penetration test executed in the third quarter of 2022 demonstrated the resilience of AMG's global IT systems. In 2023, a meeting of all IT heads was held with a one-day training session in incident response, basic threat modeling and threat intelligence.

# Risk Monitoring and Procedures

AMG has a strategic risk function that actively monitors and establishes internal controls to mitigate business and financial risks. AMG's strategic risk function is complemented by its Internal Audit function. Through the risk reporting system, the AMG Corporate Risk Committee works with business unit managers to develop risk mitigation strategies, where applicable. The strategic risk function likewise monitors and assesses the Company's reputational risk, recognizing that it is a subjective measure of the Company's performance by its various stakeholders, and establishing appropriate internal controls to address it. The purpose of the risk reporting and monitoring system is to manage, rather than eliminate, the risk of failure to achieve business objectives, and provide only reasonable, not absolute, assurance against material misstatement or loss.

In addition to the risk assessment process, the Company has established various financial policies and control procedures to ensure proper initiation, authorization and review of transactions. A Corporate Financial Policy manual establishes clear policies around various aspects of the business including human resources, accounting and financial reporting, information technology and cybersecurity, and treasury. Each of the business units are monitored for adherence to these policies by the Company's independent internal audit function. The findings of internal audits are reported to the Audit & Risk Management Committee along with action plans for remediation of any noted deficiencies. These activities along with the top-down and bottom-up risk assessment processes work in concert with one another as part of the Company's overall risk monitoring and control activities.

# **Statement on Internal Control Pursuant to the Dutch Corporate Governance Code**

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Risks related to financial reporting include timeliness, accuracy, and implementation of appropriate internal controls to avoid material misstatements. During 2024, the Management Board conducted an evaluation of the structure and operation of the internal risk management and control systems. The Management Board discussed the outcome of such assessment with the Supervisory Board in accordance with the 2022 Dutch Corporate Governance Code. AMG's Management Board believes the internal risk management and control systems in place provide a reasonable level of assurance that AMG's financial reporting does not include material misstatements. In relation to AMG's financial reporting, these systems operated effectively during 2024.

# Statement of Responsibilities

The Management Board regularly assesses the effectiveness of the design and operation of the internal control and risk management systems.

Based on this report and in accordance with best practice provision 1.4.3 of the Dutch Corporate Governance Code as adopted on December 20, 2022, and effective as of January 1, 2023 ("the 2022 Code"), and article 5:25c of the Financial Supervision Act, the aforementioned assessment, and the current state of affairs, the Management Board confirms that, to the best of its knowledge:

- the internal risk management and control systems of the Company provide reasonable assurance that financial reporting does not contain any material inaccuracies;
- there have been no material failings in the effectiveness of the internal risk management and control systems of the Company with regard to the risks associated with the strategy and activities of the Company and its affiliated business, including the strategic, operational, compliance and reporting risks;
- there are no material risks associated with the strategy and activities of the Company and its affiliated business, including the strategic, operational, compliance and reporting risks, or uncertainties that could reasonably be expected to have a material adverse effect on the continuity of the Company's operations in the coming twelve months; and
- it is appropriate that the financial reporting is prepared on a going concern basis.

It should be noted that the above does not imply that these systems and procedures provide absolute assurance as to the realization of operational and strategic business objectives, or that they can prevent all misstatements, inaccuracies, errors, fraud and non-compliance with legislation, rules and regulations. Nor can they provide certainty that we will achieve our objectives.

In view of all the above, the Management Board confirms that, to the best of its knowledge:

- the financial statements give a true and fair view of the assets, liabilities, financial position and profit or loss of the Company and of companies included in the consolidation;
- the management report provides a true and fair view of the state of affairs at the balance sheet date, the course of the business during the financial year of the Company and its affiliated companies, of which the particulars are included in the annual accounts; and
- the management report describes the principal risks associated with the strategy and activities of the Company and its
  affiliated business, including the strategic, operational, compliance and reporting risks and uncertainties that the Company
  faces: and
- where applicable, the management report has been prepared in accordance with the sustainability reporting standards
  referred to in Article 29b of the Accounting Directive and with the specifications established under Article 8(4) of Regulation
  (EU) 2020/852 of the European Parliament and of the Council on June 18, 2020 on the establishment of a framework to
  facilitate sustainable investment, and amending Regulation (EU) 2019/2088.

#### **Management Board**

AMG Critical Materials N.V.

Dr. Heinz Schimmelbusch

Eric Jackson

**Jackson Dunckel** 

**Michael Connor** 

March 12, 2025

# Report of the Supervisory Board

**Combined Management Report** 

The Supervisory Board advises the Management Board and monitors the implementation of AMG's sustainable long-term value-creation strategy, ensuring that all stakeholder interests are appropriately considered.



#### **Steve Hanke**

Chairman

Nationality: American Date of initial appointment: May 3, 2013

**Born**: 1942 Date of end term: 2025

Current positions: Professor of Applied Economics and Founder & Co-Director of the Institute for Applied Economics, Global Health and the Study of Business Enterprise at The Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore, Maryland, USA, and Chairman Emeritus, the Friedberg Mercantile Group, Inc. (Toronto, Canada) Former Positions: Professor, Colorado School of Mines, Professor, the University of California, Berkeley, Senior Fellow at the Cato Institute in Washington, D.C., USA, and senior economist, President's Council of Economic Advisers (Ronald Reagan)



#### Willem van Hassel

Vice Chairman

Nationality: Dutch Date of initial appointment: May 4, 2017

**Born:** 1946 Date of end term: 2025

Current positions: Investigator/director a.i. by appointment of Enterprise Chamber

(Court of Appeals Amsterdam)

Former Positions: Attorney-at-law with Trenite van Doorne law firm (Chairman), Dean of the Dutch Bar Association. Supervisory Board Eurocommercial Properties NV, Brack Capital Properties NV, Afvalverwerking Rijnmond NV, and a number of private companies in the Netherlands



## **Herb Depp**

Nationality: American Date of initial appointment: November 8, 2013

**Born:** 1944 Date of end term: 2025

Current positions: University of Montana Athletics

Former Positions: VP GE Boeing Commercial Aircraft Programs, VP GE Aviation Operations, VP Marketing and Sales GE Aircraft Engines, President General Electric Capital Aviation Services (GECAS), Teller Wildlife Refuge Board of Trustees



#### **Donatella Ceccarelli**

**Combined Management Report** 

Nationality: Italian Date of initial appointment: May 8, 2014

Born: 1959 Date of end term: 2026

Current positions: Senior Advisor of GMHI mobility software ventures, Senior Advisor at Label Ventures, Board of Directors member of GAM Holding AG, Zurich, Board Member Organization for International Economic Relations, Vienna (OiER)

Former Positions: Chairwoman of the Executive Board of the Flick Family Trust and CEO of the Flick Family Office, Global Wealth Management Director at Merrill Lynch International Bank Ltd. (Milan, Italy), Executive Director at Lehman Brothers International Europe (Frankfurt, Germany), Director, Deutsche Bank London



#### **Warmolt Prins**

Nationality: Dutch Date of initial appointment: May 6, 2021

Born: 1957 Date of end term: 2025

Current positions: JHC de Rooy Holding BV, SRG International BV (Advisory Council)
Former Positions: Audit Partner at EY (the Netherlands), member of the EY EMEIA
Assurance leadership team (Europe, Middle East, India and Africa), regional Managing
Partner in the Netherlands, member of the Curatorium of Tilburg University



# **Anne Roby**

Nationality: American Date of initial appointment: May 4, 2023

Born: 1964 Date of end term: 2027

**Current positions:** Nuvance Health network (Chair), Trustee of Villanova University, non-executive director on the board of Rogers Corporation, non-executive board member

Former Positions: Member of the Linde management committee, head of the Praxair Surface Technologies, Electronic Materials and Helium/Rare Gases businesses



# **Dagmar Bottenbruch**

Nationality: German & American Date of initial appointment: May 1, 2019

Born: 1960 Date of end term: 2028

Current positions: Berentzen Gruppe, Ad Pepper Media International NV, General

Partner (G.P.) at Segenia Capital Management GmbH

Former Positions: Managing Director of Rabobank International (Germany), Director Investment Banking at Credit Suisse (London and Frankfurt)

# 2024: Increasing Global Instability and Low Prices Across the Board

**Combined Management Report** 

The year 2024 followed on a very strong 2023 with record adjusted EBITDA of USD \$350 million that was mainly driven by record lithium prices. In the second half of 2023, a decline began of lithium and vanadium prices, as well as those of almost all of AMG's other materials, resulting in a sharply lower share price (like all other major lithium producers). As a result, AMG began 2024 with a much more modest financial plan in terms of adjusted EBITDA in light of the sharply lower lithium and vanadium pricing. The global economy in 2024 saw moderate growth aided by a strong US economy but with slower growth in Europe and China. Inflationary pressure was down while energy prices remained stable. 2024 further saw increasing global political tensions, highlighted by the Israeli-Hamas conflict in the Middle East (Gaza) that started in October 2023 and intensified during 2024; the fallout from the continuing conflict between Russia and Ukraine; and worsening trade conflicts with China, on which both the US and EU imposed tariffs to protect their local industries. Fortunately AMG was not directly affected by these geopolitical conflicts. These were the circumstances under which the AMG Management Board had to operate during most of 2024, which was also an election year in many countries, including in the US and in various countries in the European Union.

2024 was also the first year that AMG operated with three new divisions and reporting segments: AMG Lithium, AMG Vanadium, and AMG Technologies. These three divisions enhance transparency in AMG's operating structure and are being prepared to stand alone with a large degree of strategic and operational responsibility, freeing up Management Board attention and resources. AMG Lithium is, of these three divisions, the most advanced segment in this respect, with separate audited financial statements.

AMG's Management Board and the heads of each unit continued to prioritize the health and safety of AMG's employees throughout the year and concentrated on growth projects with specific focus on completing the construction of the Bitterfeld lithium hydroxide refinery; completing the Spodumene 1+ expansion in Brazil to 130,000 tons annually; securing incremental lithium resources through investments in Savannah Resources plc; the expansion of LIVA battery with its first commercial customers; and the activities of the Shell & AMG Recycling joint venture in Saudi Arabia. AMG's financial results for 2024 were lower than the record years 2022 and 2023. However, despite depressed pricing, AMG achieved its fourth highest historical adjusted EBITDA of USD \$168 million in 2024.

# Tasks and Responsibility

The Supervisory Board oversees the actions taken by the Management Board in determining the implementation of the longterm strategy and the general affairs of AMG. In doing so, the Supervisory Board focuses on the effectiveness of AMG's internal risk management and control system and the integrity and quality of the financial system. The Supervisory Board also monitors compliance in a broader sense and, where appropriate, is kept up to date on compliance incidents concerning AMG's Code of Business Conduct, including incidents pertaining to business integrity (fraud, bribery, conflicts of interest), HR issues (discrimination, harassment), EHS matters, and misuse of corporate assets (theft). The Supervisory Board is further responsible for overseeing the sustainability reporting activities as required under the CSRD (see below) and for determining the remuneration of the individual members of the Management Board within the context of the Remuneration Policy as adopted at the General Meeting of Shareholders.

While retaining overall responsibility, it has assigned certain of its preparatory tasks to four committees: the Audit & Risk Management Committee; the Selection & Appointment Committee; the Remuneration Committee; and the Safety, Sustainability, and Science Committee; each of which reports on a regular basis to the Supervisory Board. The separate reports of each of these committees are included in this report. (ESRS 2 GOV1, 22)

# Sustainability and the Corporate Sustainability Reporting Directive

Since 2021, following the introduction in Europe in 2020 of the EU Taxonomy Regulation, AMG continues to build on the now widely accepted principle that enabling of CO<sub>2</sub> reduction can be classified as an economic activity that significantly contributes to environmental objectives. The Supervisory Board witnessed and supported over the years the development and growth of AMG's ECO<sub>2</sub>RP portfolio (as further explained in the Letter to Shareholders in this Annual Report) as one of the cornerstones of AMG's ESG Strategy. During 2024, the Supervisory Board continued to fully support the Management Board's approach to actively contribute to CO<sub>2</sub> reduction on two levels, first by reducing its CO<sub>2</sub> emissions (Scope 1 and 2) through a variety of measures and target-setting; and second, by enabling its customers (i.e., end-users of its products and technologies) to reduce CO<sub>2</sub> emissions by using AMG's products through its ECO<sub>2</sub>RP portfolio. AMG believes that this two-pronged approach benefits all stakeholders, and the Supervisory Board is confident that AMG will be at the forefront of ESG developments as a result.

The centerpiece of AMG's 2024 sustainability activities was signaled by the preparation of the company's first Sustainability Statement during 2024. This project is the result of the Corporate Sustainability Reporting Directive (CSRD) that was implemented in the European Union on January 1, 2024. It should be noted that as of the date of publication of this annual report, Dutch Parliament had not yet passed legislation that would implement the CSRD Directive in Dutch law. As a result, the Supervisory Board and Management Board approved implementation of the CSRD Directive on a voluntary basis for the year 2024. In preparing for the 2024 Sustainability Statement, AMG started the double materiality assessment of its operations in 2023, as required under the provisions of the CSRD, a major milestone in sustainability reporting by large-sized companies in the EU. Double materiality measures the Impacts, Risks and Opportunities of the operations of a business enterprise, and classifies how information disclosed by a company can be material both in terms of its implications for the company's financial value as well as the impact on the world at large. The 2024 Sustainability Statement is published as part of this Annual Report and is published on AMG's website.

Also, during 2024, AMG continued its climate change risk assessment. AMG's business operations and financial performance as pursued via AMG's three divisions (AMG Lithium, AMG Vanadium and AMG Technologies) are reviewed based on the notion that climate change has the potential to affect companies in two ways. First: physical risk, i.e., climate change – rising sea levels, extreme weather, water shortages – may directly (physically) threaten valuable company assets. Second: transition risk, i.e., global efforts to reduce CO<sub>2</sub> emissions or otherwise mitigate the effects of climate change could affect the value of company assets in a major way. The Supervisory Board is discussing and monitoring how the reduction of CO<sub>2</sub> emissions coupled with the increased deployment of clean and energy efficient technologies and their rapidly declining costs could impact AMG's business operations and financial performance. (ESRS 2 GOV1, 22)

# **Composition of the Supervisory Board**

The Supervisory Board was first established on June 6, 2007, and currently consists of seven members, as follows: Professor Steve Hanke (Chairman), Willem van Hassel (Vice Chairman), Herb Depp, Dr. Donatella Ceccarelli, Warmolt Prins, Dr. Anne Roby and Ms. Dagmar Bottenbruch (the personal details of each member are included on the first two pages of this chapter).

Please refer to the chapter on Corporate Governance to understand how the Supervisory Board and its Committees are involved in the implementation of the EU Corporate Sustainability Reporting Directive and the 2024 Sustainability Statement that has been published as part of this Annual Report.

During the 2024 financial year, Dr. Ceccarelli was reappointed by the General Meeting of Shareholders as a member of the Supervisory Board for a (final) term of two (2) years to continue, among other things, her valuable work as Chair of the Audit & Risk Management Committee, given the critical phase of AMG's growth strategy which requires her risk management skills and background.

Further, during the 2024 financial year, Ms. Dagmar Bottenbruch was appointed as a member of the Supervisory Board for a term of four (4) years. Ms. Bottenbruch was a member of the Supervisory Board between 2019-2023, but had to resign in 2023 due to her other priorities. With her reappointment in 2024, she has brought highly relevant experience in the field of financial services, of public and private equity/venture capital investments, and of investments in technology companies. Upon her appointment, she became a member of the Supervisory Board's Remuneration Committee.

Since AMG is active in the supply of critical materials (including specialty metals and alloys), mining and capital goods, and operates in a difficult and unpredictable economic environment, the Supervisory Board believes that diversity in skills and experience is a key prerequisite for the performance of the Supervisory Board going forward. The Supervisory Board believes it has the right set of skills in place to take on the challenges facing AMG now and in the future. The Supervisory Board aims for an appropriate level of experience in technological, manufacturing, economic, operational, strategic, social, and financial aspects of international business, public administration, and corporate governance. The composition of the Supervisory Board must be such that the combined experience, expertise, and independence of its members enable it to carry out its duties. During 2024, all Supervisory Board members qualified as independent, as defined in the Dutch Corporate Governance Code. All current members of the Supervisory Board completed and signed a questionnaire to verify compliance in 2024 with the applicable corporate governance rules, including the Rules of Procedure of the Supervisory Board. (ESRS 2 GOV1, 21, 23)

# Resignation Schedule of the Members of the Supervisory Board:

Steve Hanke	2025
Willem van Hassel	2025
Herb Depp	2025
Donatella Ceccarelli	2026
Warmolt Prins	2025
Anne Roby	2027
Dagmar Bottenbruch	2028

At the Annual General Meeting ("AGM") in May 2025, Professor Steve Hanke will have served for twelve years on the Supervisory Board, the last five of which as Chairman, when his current and final term ends. On that occasion Mr. Herb Depp will have also served for twelve years on the Supervisory Board, and during the last years as Chair of the Remuneration Committee. Both gentlemen are not eligible for reappointment and the Supervisory Board is deeply grateful to them for their dedication, service and contributions during the past twelve years.

At the AGM in May 2025 the term of Mr. Willem van Hassel (Vice Chairman and member of the Audit & Risk Management Committee) will end, along with the term of Mr. Warmolt Prins (member of the Audit & Risk Management Committee and the Sustainability, Safety & Science Committee). Mr. van Hassel will have served eight years and Mr. Prins will have served four years on the Supervisory Board. The Supervisory Board is very pleased that both Mr. van Hassel and Mr. Prins are prepared to continue to serve on the Supervisory Board if reappointed by the General Meeting of Shareholders. Mr. van Hassel will do so for a term of two years, in order to continue his work as Vice Chairman and to avail AMG of his Dutch corporate governance expertise. Mr. Prins will do so for a term of four (4) years, given his very important role on the Audit & Risk Management Committee as a former audit partner, as well as his position on the Sustainability, Safety and Science Committee. Therefore, the Supervisory Board will nominate Mr. van Hassel and Mr. Prins for reappointment by the General Meeting of Shareholders on May 8, 2025 as independent members of the Supervisory Board for terms of two (2) and four (4) years, respectively.

Given the rotation schedule of the Supervisory Board and the retirement of Professor Hanke and Mr. Depp in May 2025, the Supervisory Board has resolved to continue as a six-member Board (down from seven members until May 8, 2025). The Supervisory Board is very pleased that Mr. Rob Jeffries (male, American nationality) is prepared to join AMG's Supervisory Board as an independent member, in order to strengthen the Supervisory Board with his extensive banking and financial expertise as a former investment banker at Barclays plc. The Supervisory Board will therefore nominate Mr. Jeffries for appointment by the General Meeting Shareholders on May 8, 2025 as an independent member of the Supervisory Board for a term of four (4) years.

Finally, given the retirement of Professor Steve Hanke as Chairman in May 2025, the Supervisory Board has resolved during its meeting on February 26, 2025 unanimously to appoint Ms. Dagmar Bottenbruch as his successor as Chairwoman of the Supervisory Board from May 8, 2025 onwards.

# **Diversity**

Since 2017, AMG has had a Diversity Policy in place that sets out AMG's views on Diversity. This Diversity Policy has been updated and amended and the amended Policy is effective as of the start of 2023, in order to be fully aligned with the latest developments and changes in the workplace and business environment that affects the AMG Group. The Management Board and the Supervisory Board fully support the initiatives that have been reflected in the Diversity Policy of the Company.

Since May 2019, AMG has met its diversity objectives in terms of gender, having at least one third of the seats on the Supervisory Board be held by each gender. Regarding the Management Board, the Supervisory Board will continue to strive to reach the target. The Supervisory Board will carefully consider a candidate's personal qualities, including integrity, strong leadership, global experience, expertise in relevant areas, past accomplishments, understanding of the company, and adaptability in a changing world, when choosing members for the Management Board. Additionally, diversity in terms of factors such as age, gender, nationality and professional and educational background are crucial factors in deciding on appointments for Management Board positions.

During 2024, AMG's Management Board continued to oversee the Corporate Diversity & Inclusion Council that was established in 2021. The Diversity Council consists of 11 members from different departments and with varying backgrounds and experiences. The Diversity Council's goal is to focus on creating awareness on diversity throughout AMG, initiate actions to drive diversity within AMG, and render ongoing advice to the Management Board and to the management of the units to monitor diversity at a variety of levels within the AMG Group.

AMG's Sustainability Statement, which is published this year for the first time as part of the 2024 Annual Report, provides extensive detail about the actions taken by the Management Board with support of the Corporate Diversity & Inclusion Council during 2024 as well as the targets set by the Management Board in 2024 as reported to the Netherlands-based Sociaal-Economische Raad (SER) in 2024 in view of recent Dutch legislation concerning diversity that became effective in 2022. (ESRS 2 GOV1, 22)

# **Supervisory Board Meetings**

The Supervisory Board held fifteen meetings over the course of 2024, all taking place by telephone or video conference, except for four physical meetings that took place in Amsterdam (the Netherlands) and in Frankfurt (Germany). While in Frankfurt, the Supervisory Board made a site visit to the facilities of AMG Engineering in Hanau, and received an extensive factory tour and presentation by the management team of AMG Engineering. Ten of these meetings were held in the presence of the Management Board. All meetings were attended by all members, with the exception of Dr. Roby who missed two meetings.

As of January 1, 2024 AMG changed its corporate structure into three new reporting segments (AMG Lithium, AMG Vanadium, and AMG Technologies), each focusing on the main growth trends AMG is pursuing. Each of these segments has very specific trends and business models and requires very different skill sets. The three new segments have a large degree of strategic and operational responsibility, and are led by highly experienced management teams.

The performance of these three segments were important topics for review by the Supervisory Board during its regular quarterly meeting together with updates of AMG's strategic projects, its ESG agenda and progress updates regarding AMG's preparations of its first Sustainability Statement. Additional agenda items reviewed by the Supervisory Board in 2024 included AMG's financial position, objectives and results; the operating cash flow (OCF) development as well as the net debt situation of the Company; potential acquisitions and divestments; capital expenditure programs; succession planning and remuneration; legal and compliance review; operations review as well as regular review of the strategic objectives and initiatives of the Company; and the Company's ongoing actions in the field of ESG.

Financial metrics presented to the Supervisory Board to measure the performance of AMG included net income, earnings per share, adjusted EBITDA, financial leverage (net debt to adjusted EBITDA), working capital, liquidity, operational cash flow (OCF) and return on capital employed (ROCE). The Supervisory Board further discussed the top risks and risk profile of AMG's business and operations and the assessment by the Management Board of the structure of the internal risk management and control systems, and any significant changes thereto, as well as the performance of the internal audit function and of the external auditor, KPMG. As part of their audit, KPMG considered the internal control environment relevant to the preparation of the financial statements and assessed the design and implementation of the Company's internal controls related to the risks of fraud identified in their audit (revenue recognition and management override of controls).

KPMG reported on the outcome of their audit, including on the fraud risks and significant risks identified. Those include the presumed risks of revenue recognition and management override of controls. In this year's audit one additional risk was identified that relates to our mining operations in Brazil, which includes the interaction with governmental agencies to obtain mining licenses, and the sale of lithium concentrate to China. With respect to accounting estimates (which may require significant management judgment or involve complexity in the face of high levels of estimation uncertainty), KPMG reported that they assessed these accounting estimates as part of their audit procedures and concluded that the estimates are balanced. KPMG noted certain areas for improvement in internal control; no significant control deficiencies were reported.

Besides the scheduled meetings, the Chairman had regular contact with the Chief Executive Officer and the other members of the Management Board as well as senior executives of the Company throughout the year.

Throughout 2024, the Supervisory Board regularly reviewed and was regularly updated by the Management Board about the implementation of the long-term strategy of AMG, which was fundamentally renewed and approved by the Supervisory Board first in July 2016 and subsequently fine-tuned and updated during the following years. This strategy review took place on a continuing basis by way of strategy updates during the regular and incidental Board meetings in 2024, headed by the Chairman of the Management Board, in order to keep the Supervisory Board fully informed on the progress and financing of the strategy, as well as the principal risks related to the strategy. As stated above, 2024 was the first year that AMG operated with three new reporting segments which was the result of the process that began in 2023, redefining the corporate and governance structure of the AMG Group at the initiative of the CEO and Management Board, in view of the massive value shift towards clean energy materials (lithium and vanadium) and the need to have adequate access to capital markets to finance the investments needed for implementing the strategy and transparency for investors. All this resulted in the new corporate and governance structure that

became operational as of January 1, 2024, with three reporting segments (AMG Lithium, AMG Vanadium, and AMG Technologies) which prepares AMG to execute on its strategic objectives that are firmly rooted in strong financial fundamentals. This updated structure enables AMG to realize strategic, operational, and risk management synergies that will improve decision-making, as well as strengthen the resiliency of the organization. Additionally, the new structure will create strategic flexibility for various forms of equity diversification.

Following the record-breaking performances during 2022 and 2023, 2024 provided a very different picture. The market circumstances with low pricing, particularly for lithium and vanadium which continued their downward trends from the latter part of 2023 into 2024, were exceptionally difficult. In addition, geopolitical turbulence remained a prominent factor of uncertainty. Despite all that, the Management Board continued its strong focus on driving the key strategic projects of the Company which included the completion of the spodumene 1+ expansion in Brazil (increasing capacity to 130,000 tons annually); completing construction of the Bitterfeld lithium hydroxide refinery that was opened in September 2024; securing incremental lithium resources through an investment in Savannah Resources plc; the development and expansion of LIVA batteries; and the activities of the Shell & AMG Recycling joint venture in Saudi Arabia.

These developments are all examples of the evolution of AMG's strategy towards a focus on markets directly relating to E-mobility, Circular Economy, and Industrial Batteries. The Supervisory Board was fully briefed about these strategic developments and the financial and risk implications thereof for the company.

Please refer to the Chairman of the Management Board's Letter to Shareholders in this Annual Report for an update and overview of AMG's strategy and its implementation thereof going forward.

Despite the very difficult circumstances, 2024 was a solid year with good financial results, which enabled the Management Board to pursue its strategic objectives and projects without delay.

In 2024, the annual self-evaluation process by the Supervisory Board took place once more informally under the guidance of the Chairman. The Board's policy to use the services of external facilitators for this process once every three years means that in 2025 the self-evaluation process will be carried out again under the guidance of an external facilitator. All Board members received and completed a comprehensive questionnaire which concerned, among other things, the Board members' mutual interaction; their interaction with the Management Board; the functioning of the Supervisory Board Committees; and the desired profile and competencies of the Supervisory Board. During an executive session of the Supervisory Board held on November 6, 2024, the Chairman shared and discussed the results with the Board members, and the Supervisory Board concluded, based on the findings and the results of the questionnaire, after ample discussion, that the Board, its Committees and individual members have been functioning very well during 2024. The Chairman highlighted the positive conclusions, including high praise for the quality of discussions about strategy, risk, control, and ESG; the professionalism of the Management Board and Supervisory Board members; and the work of the Supervisory Board Committees. During the evaluation session, the Board debated whether HR (concerning the Group's senior executives) should be a regular topic on the agenda of the Board. After ample discussion the Chairman recorded that HR matters are handled quite well by the Management Board and its HR executives and that such matters need not be discussed in regular Board meetings. The Board further resolved to continue discussing the outcome of the self-evaluation at the next available occasion, if that would be feasible and deemed useful by the Board members.

Also on November 6, 2024, the Supervisory Board (without the presence of the Management Board) met and reviewed the performance of the Management Board and its members over the past twelve months. During this meeting, the Supervisory Board discussed and unanimously adopted the recommendation of the Selection & Appointment Committee, which had based its findings on the results of the Company and feedback from senior management within the AMG Group. The Supervisory Board commended the persistent focus on operational performance, costs and cash flow, and on the implementation and monitoring by the Management Board members of the strategic objectives during unsettling economic circumstances. The Committee concluded that the functioning of the Management Board and its individual members during the review period qualified as very good, despite the ongoing uncertainty caused by the unpredictable economic environment, geopolitical tensions, and extreme price volatility. The Management Board kept focus and concentrated on completing its growth projects including the Spodumene 1+ expansion in Brazil; the construction of the Bitterfeld lithium hydroxide refinery; securing incremental lithium resources through investments in Savannah Resources plc; the development and expansion of the LIVA battery proposition; and the activities of the Shell & AMG Recycling joint venture in Saudi Arabia. The adjusted EBITDA result for 2024 was the fourth highest in AMG's history (since 2006) despite exceptionally difficult market circumstances.

# **Shares Held by Members of the Supervisory Board**

As of December 31, 2024, the members of the Supervisory Board held 255,056 shares in the Company. Of that number, 104,083 shares were awarded as part of their annual remuneration.

# **Committee Reports**

The Supervisory Board has four standing committees: the Audit & Risk Management Committee; the Selection & Appointment Committee; the Remuneration Committee; and the Safety, Sustainability, and Science (3S) Committee.

# **Report of the Audit & Risk Management Committee**

# Composition: Dr. Donatella Ceccarelli (chair), Mr. Willem van Hassel, and Mr. Warmolt Prins

The Audit & Risk Management Committee is responsible for, among other things, the review of matters relating to financial controls and reporting, internal and external audits, the scope and results of audits and the independence and objectivity of auditors as well as the Company's process for monitoring compliance with laws and regulations and its Code of Business Conduct.

It monitors and reviews the Company's internal audit function and, with the involvement of the independent external auditor, focuses on compliance with applicable legal and regulatory requirements and accounting standards.

The Audit & Risk Management Committee met in person and by video conference six times during 2024 (compared to seven times in 2023), including its meetings to review and approve annual and interim financial reports and statements of the Company, and reported its findings periodically to the plenary meetings of the Supervisory Board. During one of the in-person meetings in Amsterdam, the three invited financial audit firms presented their audit proposals for the 2026 financial year and onward. This financial audit selection process is part of the mandatory audit firm rotation once every 10 years (see below). All members of the Audit & Risk Management Committee attended all meetings.

The structure, process and effectiveness of the Company's internal risk management and control systems and the accompanying risk reports from the Management Board were regular topics of discussion at the Audit & Risk Management Committee meetings. Others included the Internal Audit plan prepared by the Internal Auditor of AMG and the External Audit plan prepared by KPMG (see also the chapter on Corporate Governance). Additional topics discussed were internal audit reports of the various units within the group and the identified risks per entity, summarized in the top risks of the Company; quarterly financial results; liquidity and cash situation; credit facility and arrangement with the Company's major banks; insurance; environmental risk; status of the IT and cybersecurity controls within AMG; compliance and Code of Business Conduct review program; foreign currency exposure and hedging policies; tax structuring and spending approval matrices; risk management reports; ESG requirements; and litigation reports. AMG's Internal Auditor maintained regular contact with the Audit & Risk Management Committee and the external auditors of the Company. The Audit & Risk Management Committee also met with the external auditors without any member of the Company's Management Board or financial and accounting staff present in May 2024.

At all regular Audit & Risk Management Committee meetings, an important agenda item concerned the review of the Quarterly Risk Report that was prepared by the Management Board as further explained in the Risk Report section of this Annual Report. During that agenda item, all Management Board members joined the Committee meeting to explain the Risk Report, and to update the Committee members about any changes in the risk profile of the Company.

The Audit & Risk Management Committee discussed with KPMG the findings from the audit of the 2024 Financial Statements and reviewed the contents and key audit matters of the 2024 Independent Auditor's Report of KPMG and reported on this matter to the plenary meeting of the Supervisory Board. In 2024 the external audit fees amounted to \$3.664 million for audit and related services performed by the statutory auditor. Present at all regular meetings of the Audit & Risk Management Committee were the Chief Financial Officer, Chief Controller, and the Internal Auditor. KPMG was present at all these meetings, while at most meetings, the Chief Compliance Officer was also present.

As reported in 2023, the Management Board again in 2024 identified the importance of IT and cybersecurity risks for AMG and the operation of its business units. AMG's Global Information Security Officer (GISO), together with the Internal Auditor, regularly reviews the status of the IT and Cybersecurity measures at the Company's subsidiaries. An action plan is yearly defined and the progress is regularly presented to the Management Board and the Audit & Risk Management Committee. The Supervisory Board receives a summary of all actions.

The Internal Auditor at AMG reports to the Audit & Risk Management Committee and to the Management Board and operates on the basis of an Internal Audit plan approved by the Audit & Risk Management Committee, the Management Board, and the Supervisory Board. The Internal Audit plan is risk-based and comprises units and subsidiaries of the AMG Group with a focus on operational, financial, compliance, and cybersecurity risks.

The Internal Auditor closely cooperates with the external auditors of the Company and was present at all meetings of the Audit & Risk Management Committee of the Supervisory Board.

At the end of 2023 and beginning of 2024, a third-party audit company reviewed AMG's Internal Audit function against the International Professional Practices Framework ("IPPF") of the Institute of Internal Auditors ("IIA"). In addition to the request of the IIA, the review is also listed in the Dutch Corporate Governance Code and should be executed once every 5 years. Like in 2019, AMG's Internal Audit function once again received the highest rating in early 2024.

#### Financial External Auditor mandatory rotation

Due to Dutch legislation the Company must rotate the financial external auditor every 10 years. The current external auditor KPMG started during the financial year 2016 and must rotate off after the financial year 2025. The firms had multiple meetings online and in person with the management team in the US about its term ending after the May 2026 AGM. The Supervisory Board delegated in 2024 the start of an audit tender process to the Audit Committee. The Audit Committee, together with the CFO, the Group Controller and the Internal Auditor executed the audit tender process. 3 external audit firms were invited by a Request For Proposal letter to this tender process. The firms received access to a data room after signing an NDA. The audit firms made four in-person visits: Wayne, Pennsylvania (including Vanadium); Hanau, Germany (all German business units); Belo Horizonte, Brazil; and Rotherham, United Kingdom. After all meetings a scorecard was filled out. In October 2024 the audit firms sent in their proposals and presented them to the Audit Committee and the supporting team. Based on all scores and cost analyses, the Audit Committee presented their preferred new auditor to the Supervisory Board and the Management Board. During its meeting on February 26, 2025, the Supervisory Board unanimously selected and nominated EY Accountants for approval by the General Meeting of Shareholders on May 8, 2025. KPMG and EY, once approved by the General Meeting of Shareholders, will start with transitioning information after the May 2025 AGM.

## **Selection & Appointment Committee**

### Composition: Prof. Steve Hanke (Chair) and Dr. Donatella Ceccarelli

The Selection & Appointment Committee is responsible for: (a) preparing the selection criteria, appointment procedures, and leading searches for Management Board and Supervisory Board candidates; (b) periodically evaluating the scope and composition of the Management Board and the Supervisory Board; (c) periodically evaluating the functioning of individual members of the Management Board and the Supervisory Board; and (d) supervising the policy of the Supervisory Board in relation to the selection and appointment criteria for senior management of the Company. The Selection & Appointment Committee held two regular meetings during 2024, in addition to various informal meetings between the Committee members who also had contact with the Chairman of the Management Board and other members of the Supervisory Board and reported its findings to the Supervisory Board. In these meetings, all Committee members were present. In its succession planning for the Management Board and Supervisory Board, the Committee takes into account the profile set for new members as well as the diversity policy of the Company as explained earlier in this chapter, bearing in mind the need to have in place at all times the right set of skills and experience on the Boards. During 2024, the Committee continued its succession planning process to identify adequate candidates for the Supervisory Board, based on the approved profile.

Also during 2024, the Committee continued the succession review of the Management Board as the terms of both the CEO, Dr. Heinz Schimmelbusch, as well as the COO, Mr. Eric Jackson, will end in May 2025. As extensively explained at earlier occasions, the Supervisory Board highly values the leadership of Dr. Heinz Schimmelbusch as CEO and Chairman of the Management Board since he is the key driver of the strategic agenda of the Company and the implementation thereof.

On Management Board succession, the Committee had regular consultations and exchanged views with Dr. Heinz Schimmelbusch, given his long-standing executive, leadership and industry experience since he founded AMG in 2006, about future candidates that would qualify for Management Board positions in view of the changing strategic dynamics of the Company. Dr. Schimmelbusch explained that within the three reporting segments, AMG is building a solid base of human capital of in-house senior managers of excellent quality.

As a result, the Supervisory Board was very pleased to nominate Mr. Michael Connor (male, American nationality) as a new member of the Management Board responsible for Corporate Development during the AGM in May 2024. Mr. Connor had served earlier as Executive Vice President, Corporate Development, reporting directly to the Chairman of the Management Board. This promotion of Mr. Connor signals a new function on AMG's Management Board that is being expanded from three to four members in order to reflect the strategic project intensity as AMG continues its growth trajectory. The Supervisory Board believes that this additional appointment will help to ensure effective capital allocation on a global level as the Board has to balance the Company's performance with the continued execution of AMG's portfolio of strategic initiatives. This new structure also accounts for the increasing importance of and focus on the new corporate structure including the three newly created divisions AMG Lithium, AMG Vanadium, and AMG Technologies.

Additional Information

At the AGM in May 2024, Mr. Jackson Dunckel was also nominated and reappointed given his broad financial background and experience, in addition to his excellent performance as CFO and Management Board member since 2016. Both Mr. Connor and Mr. Dunckel were appointed with overwhelming majorities as members of the Management Board for a term of four (4) years by the General Meeting of Shareholders in May 2024.

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As regards its own succession, the Supervisory Board was faced with one vacancy in 2024. Dr. Donatella Ceccarelli was reappointed by the General Meeting of Shareholders in May 2024 as a member of the Supervisory Board for a (final) term of two (2) years to continue, among other things, her valuable work as Chair of the Audit & Risk Management Committee, given the critical phase of AMG's growth strategy which requires her risk management skills and background. In view of the rotation schedule of the Supervisory Board and the impending retirements of Professor Hanke and Mr. Depp in May 2025, the Supervisory Board resolved to expand the Board temporarily to seven members. As a result, the Board was very pleased to welcome back Ms. Dagmar Bottenbruch who was appointed by the General Meeting of Shareholders as a member of the Supervisory Board for a term of four (4) years in May 2024. Ms. Bottenbruch was a member of the Supervisory Board from 2019 to 2023, but had to resign in 2023 due to her other priorities. With her reappointment in 2024, she has brought highly relevant experience in the field of financial services, of public and private equity/venture capital investments, and of investments in technology companies. Upon her appointment, she became a member of the Board's Remuneration Committee. The Supervisory Board further, during 2024, expanded its own succession search given the upcoming vacancies due to the retirement of both Professor Hanke and Mr. Depp at the AGM in May 2025, and was very pleased to find Mr. Rob Jefferies who accepted nomination as a member of the Supervisory Board to be voted upon at the May 2025 AGM.

### **Remuneration Committee**

## Composition: Mr. Herb Depp (Chair), Dr. Anne Roby, and Ms. Dagmar Bottenbruch

The Remuneration Committee is responsible for establishing and reviewing material aspects of the Company's policy on compensation of members of the Management Board and the Supervisory Board and preparing decisions for the Supervisory Board in relation thereto. This responsibility includes, but is not limited to, the preparation and ongoing review of: (a) the remuneration policy as adopted by the General Meeting of Shareholders; and (b) proposals concerning the individual remuneration of the members of the Management Board to be determined by the Supervisory Board.

The Remuneration Committee met four times in 2024, in addition to various informal discussions among its members, the other members of the Supervisory Board, the Chairman of the Management Board and the Chief Financial Officer, and the executive compensation consultant (Mercer) hired by the Supervisory Board. In these meetings, all Committee members were present.

The revised Remuneration Policy for the Management Board, in effect since 2021, contains a 70-30 percentage split between financial and non-financial targets for the short-term incentive (bonus) component of the compensation. Financial targets are set based on scenario analysis and are comprised of 35% adjusted EBITDA and 35% Operating Cash Flow. Non-financial targets saw a split between ESG related targets (20%) and personal objectives (10%). As in 2023, in 2024 the ESG related targets concerned CO<sub>2</sub> enabling, lost time incident rate and a third new target that concerns a CO<sub>2</sub> intensity target that is similar to the target used by AMG (and the banks) in the Sustainability Linked Loan documentation that is part of the new credit facility for the AMG Group that was concluded in 2021. Both the ESG related targets, as well as the personal objectives and results, are discussed in the Remuneration Report for 2024 that follows hereafter.

During the AGM in May 2024, the Remuneration Report for 2023 was an advisory voting item on the agenda. An important matter concerned the base salary increase for the Management Board members that was implemented as of July 1, 2023. In the run up to the 2024 AGM, the Committee engaged with proxy advisers who gave mixed recommendations (ISS AGAINST, Glass Lewis FOR). At the AGM in May 2024, 53% of the shareholders present voted against the Remuneration Report and 47% voted for. Please refer to the 2023 Remuneration Report for an extensive explanation of the decision to raise the base salaries during 2023 for the Management Board members.

Another important topic during 2024 concerned the completion of the review of the compensation for the Supervisory Board members, as the Remuneration Policy for the Supervisory Board had last been approved in May 2020 and would hence be on the agenda of and for approval by the General Meeting of Shareholders in May 2024. The Supervisory Board recommended to the shareholders to continue the Remuneration Policy of 2020 for the Supervisory Board unchanged. During the AGM in May 2024, the General Meeting of Shareholders approved with overwhelming majority to extend the existing Remuneration Policy for another period of four years.

Another item under review during 2024 was the Remuneration Policy for the Management Board, which was approved in 2021 and will henceforth be on the agenda of the AGM in May 2025 for a vote by the General Meeting of Shareholders. The Committee actively reached out to the Management Board members and its executive compensation consultant Mercer to form its views, and it recommended to the Supervisory Board during its meeting on November 6, 2024 that the basic structure of the current Remuneration Policy would be continued subject to changes to the components and metrics for the STI and LTI portions of the remuneration, which would have to be discussed and reviewed further. With that recommendation the Committee started an engagement process in December 2024 with investors and proxy advisers about the main subjects of the proposed Remuneration Policy for 2025. This process was completed during the first two months of 2025.

Further, the Chair of the Remuneration Committee met with the Chairman of the Management Board during the summer of 2024 to learn about the views of the Management Board members regarding the amount and structure of the Management Board's own compensation – as renewed under the 2021 Remuneration Policy – in view of best practice provision 3.1.2. of the Dutch Corporate Governance Code.

# 2024 Remuneration Report

See the following chapter containing the Remuneration Report for 2024 for further detail.

# Safety, Sustainability, and Science Committee (3S Committee)

## Composition: Dr. Anne Roby (Chair) and Mr. Warmolt Prins

The 3S Committee was created in 2023 to assist the Supervisory Board in overseeing the sustainability programs initiated by the company, to monitor the safety results and record of the company's units, and to monitor technology developments that are critical for the company's strategic objectives.

More specifically, the Committee is responsible for oversight and review of (a) safety matters, including safety performance and technology to enhance safety performance; (b) sustainability and environmental matters, including policies and practices and reporting obligations under prevailing EU regulations (CSRD) as well as climate change impact reporting; (c) science matters, including use of technology to further business strategy, monitor R&D efforts, evaluate potential disruptive technologies; and (d) providing input and guidance to the Audit & Risk Management Committee on certain enterprise risks, including risk management processes relating to safety, sustainability and science matters.

The Committee held four meetings in 2024 where AMG's head of Environmental, Health, Safety and Sustainability as well as the CEO and CFO were present to brief the Committee members on the matters listed above. During 2024 an item of high importance was the recurring review and monitoring of the preparations for the 2024 Sustainability Statement that is required under the CSRD regulations. Given the overlap with the Audit & Risk Management Committee, Mr. Warmolt Prins, being a member of both Committees, called for a joint meeting by the two Committees, which took place on November 5, 2024, in the presence of the CEO and CFO and the external auditor of AMG, in order to jointly review the status and progress made on the 2024 Sustainability Statement.

In addition, the Committee members made a site visit to the solid-state battery laboratory of AMG Lithium in Frankfurt, Germany, where they were informed and brought up to date with the R&D efforts made by AMG Lithium in this important field.

# Appreciation for the Management Board and the Employees of AMG

The Supervisory Board would like to thank the Management Board for its dedication and outstanding efforts in 2024 in leading the Company, as they continued to weather a highly volatile and complex economic environment. The Management Board continued to focus not only on its operational and financial performance during the year, but also on sustainable long-term value creation amid the challenges presented by the generally volatile global economic and geopolitical environment as highlighted by continuing price volatility, inflationary pressures, and an increase in armed conflicts that fuel uncertainty. The Supervisory Board would also like to thank all the employees of AMG for their continued commitment to the Company's success and well-being.

# **Annual Report 2024**

The Annual Report and the 2024 financial statements, audited by KPMG, have been presented to the Supervisory Board. The 2024 financial statements and the Independent Auditor's Report with respect to the audit of the financial statements were discussed with the Audit & Risk Management Committee in the presence of the Management Board and the external auditor. The Supervisory Board endorses the 2024 Annual Report and recommends that the General Meeting of Shareholders adopt the 2024 financial statements.

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#### **Supervisory Board**

AMG Critical Materials N.V.

Professor Steve Hanke, Chairman

Willem van Hassel, Vice Chairman

**Herb Depp** 

Dr. Donatella Ceccarelli

**Warmolt Prins** 

Dr. Anne Roby

**Dagmar Bottenbruch** 

March 12, 2025

# Remuneration Report for 2024

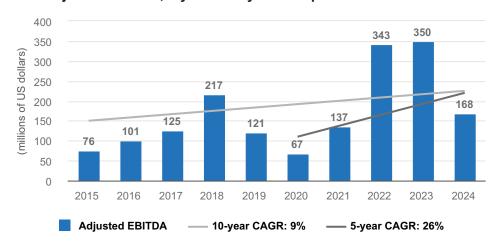
Dear Shareholder, as Chairman of the Remuneration Committee of the Supervisory Board, I am pleased to present the 2024 Remuneration Report of AMG Critical Materials N.V. ("the Company," "AMG NV," or "AMG").

AMG's shareholders rejected our 2023 Remuneration Report at the Annual General Meeting in 2024 with 53% voting against the Report (main topic for dissent was related to the level of base salary increases for the Management Board members that were implemented in 2023 after long periods of no increase at all, including for the CEO who has never had a base salary increase). This year in 2025, Shareholders are voting on a new Remuneration Policy, and in light of the voting result for the 2023 Remuneration Report, the Remuneration Committee engaged with shareholders and stakeholders to discuss any concerns and if any changes to the policy were warranted. Our Supervisory Board remains committed to shareholder engagement and we will continue to engage with shareholders on our decision-making in the future.

## Strategic and Financial Overview

In 2024, AMG achieved its fourth best adjusted EBITDA result despite very low commodity pricing in lithium and vanadium (lithium and ferrovanadium prices dropped 65% and 23%, respectively, versus 2023).

#### AMG Adjusted EBITDA, 5-year & 10-year Compound Annual Growth Rates (CAGR)



2024's financial results are the direct result of the AMG Management Board's focus on expanding diversification across multiple critical materials. Despite declining prices in our two key commodities, lithium and vanadium, AMG's broader critical materials business performed very strongly and delivered our fourth highest result since AMG went public in 2007. This excellent result increased AMG's cash on hand and puts AMG in a strong position to capitalize on the investments it has made in vanadium and lithium and continue to grow over the next 10 years.

## AMG Management Board Fundamental Strategic Decisions

The AMG Management Board has made fundamental strategic decisions that were the result of a long decision-making process and extensive study, and all of them either laid the groundwork for the current adjusted EBITDA growth or created a platform for future growth:

- AMG Lithium is now operating as a standalone division at AMG, and includes significant growth platforms in Brazil, Portugal
  and Germany, where AMG will become the first European producer of battery grade lithium hydroxide;
- AMG Vanadium essentially doubled its ferrovanadium capacity in Ohio; formed a JV with Shell Catalysts & Technologies
  named Shell & AMG Recycling B.V. to expand vanadium production from refinery waste in the Middle East; and expanded its
  production capacity of titanium alloys in the US and vanadium electrolyte in Germany to service the emerging vanadium redox
  flow battery industry;
- AMG Technologies created a new business unit, LIVA, which is building grid scale batteries to balance the production of renewable energy for industrial and utility customers; and continued to expand its considerable IP footprint with a synthetic graphite vacuum furnace system.

None of these three strategic growth platforms existed 10 years ago, and all of them represent significant future growth for AMG.

## 2024 Performance and Realized Pay

Despite delivering in 2024 the fourth highest adjusted EBITDA in its history, the Management Board did not achieve the stretch targets established by the Supervisory Board. The adjusted EBITDA target was \$136 million. This forecast was based on the then prevailing lithium and vanadium prices, both of which continued to fall throughout 2024. AMG's achievement of \$168 million was due to higher performance in our Technologies division and outperformance in our Lithium division which offset lower prices. This adjusted EBITDA performance resulted in a payout of 131%. The operating cash flow target was set at \$52 million and was based on forecasted adjusted EBITDA and working capital requirements. The 2024 operating cash flow result of \$38 million resulted in a payout of zero.

In terms of ESG measures, AMG Management delivered another strong safety record which was 52% better than industry averages. In addition, the CO<sub>2</sub> intensity of its operations increased versus 2023 associated with the higher run-rate of our Silicon operations, but ended the year below target, exceeding the plan. The tons of CO<sub>2</sub> our products enabled our customers to reduce was below target as some of our customers did not start up their operations as expected.

In terms of 2024 realized pay, the Management Board will receive a cash bonus at 94% of target. This bonus award reflects AMG's very strong performance during highly challenging economic circumstances, offset by the stretch targets that the Supervisory Board set.

The PSU payment for 2024 will be zero due to the decline in AMG's share price precipitated by the fall in lithium prices, resulting in a low relative total shareholder return performance of AMG shares versus its peers.

# 2025 Remuneration Policy Changes

An important topic for the Remuneration Committee during 2024 concerned the review of the 2021 Remuneration Policy for the Management Board that will be on the agenda of the Annual General Meeting in 2025. In November and December of 2024, AMG reached out to a selection of its top 10 shareholders as well as other stakeholders such as the proxy advisors ISS, Glass Lewis and Eumedion. These discussions yielded the following comments:

1) Comment: Quantum of pay is perceived as too high versus peers. This comment is in part based on the different peer groups different stakeholders use to evaluate AMG's pay structure. Because of this, the comment was not shared by everyone we talked to.

**Position**: Utilizing AMG's set of peers, AMG's Supervisory Board believes that Management Board pay is fair. In making this assessment, the Supervisory Board takes into account the location (United States), the complexity of AMG's business and integrated growth plans, and the experience of the Management Board. On the last point, the breadth and depth of the AMG Management Board's experience is more comparable to a Fortune 500 company and enables AMG to operate in volatile industries and compete and collaborate with much larger companies.

**Change**: AMG is proposing to freeze any base salary increase for 2 years (2025 and 2026) for the Management Board, and to keep future salary increases to be generally in line with those for employees in the relevant region after that 2-year period.

2) Comment: Long-Term Incentive program (the Performance Share Unit program) should have other metrics in addition to Total Shareholder Return.

**Position**: The AMG Supervisory Board believes that in general Total Shareholder Return aligns well the Management Board with AMG's shareholders (the current share price performance has resulted in 2 years of zero pay for the Management Board).

**Change**: AMG's Supervisory Board proposes adding 3-year average Return on Capital Employed as a new metric to the PSU program, weighted at 50% with Total Shareholder Return weighted at 50%. In addition, the AMG Supervisory Board will consider adding ESG metrics to the PSU program from the following list as outlined in our draft 2025 Remuneration Policy:

Environmental	Social	Governance
Scope 1 & 2 Emissions	Lost Time Injury Rate	Anti-Corruption Measurement
Scope 3 Emissions	Employee Training Hours	Code of Conduct Violation
CO <sub>2</sub> Intensity	Employee Engagement	Cyber Security Practices
Renewable Energy Use	Women in Management	Sustainability Reporting Framework
Waste Reduction	Community Investment	ESG Data Verification
Energy & CO <sub>2</sub> Savings	Value Chain Diligence	Value Chain Diligence
Air Quality Improvement	Workforce Development	Workforce Training

The Supervisory Board will also have the discretion to update the ESG targets for the Annual Bonus using the list above, but will keep the combined strategic and ESG weighting at 30% of the Annual Bonus, and will use different performance indicators for the Annual Bonus and the PSU Program. (ESRS 2 GOV3, 29, AR 7), (ESRS E1 GOV3, 13)

Beyond these two key points, the stakeholders we met with agreed that the structure of AMG's Remuneration Policy was appropriate. It is important to note that this structure was the result of significant changes we made in 2021 as we strove to meet the evolving best practices of corporate governance:

- Reducing the maximum Annual Bonus opportunity from 300% of target to 200% in line with best practice.
- Introducing quantifiable, verifiable, and strategically aligned ESG targets to our Annual Bonus award at a weighting of 20%.
- · Share options are no longer awarded. All awards are in the form of performance share units ("PSUs").
- PSUs feature a 3-year performance period and an additional 2-year holding period in line with the Dutch Corporate Governance Code.
- There is no vesting of the PSUs for performance below the 50th percentile. This is in line with best market practice and a more stringent requirement than is typical in the US market and means that there is a significant probability of a zero payment (as is the case for the cycle that has just completed).

All of these changes were made with direct input from shareholders, proxy advisors, and corporate governance experts, and the 2021 Remuneration Policy received 88.4% of the shareholder vote in 2021.

Please reach out to Michele Fischer, our Executive Vice President of Human Resources, with any feedback on the changes noted above. She can be reached at <a href="mailto:mfischer@amg-nv.com">mfischer@amg-nv.com</a>.

On behalf of AMG, the Supervisory Board, and its Remuneration Committee, I would like to thank you for your continued support and feedback.

Sincerely,

#### **Herb Depp**

**Chairman of the Remuneration Committee** 

#### Introduction

This Remuneration Report for 2024 should be read in conjunction with the Remuneration Policy for the Management Board that was accepted by the shareholders at the 2021 Annual General Meeting. It reflects those disclosure changes that were mandated by the European Shareholder Rights Directive ("SRD") in 2019. Regarding the Supervisory Board, its Remuneration Policy was approved by the shareholders at the 2024 Annual General Meeting and this Report also contains the Remuneration Report for the Supervisory Board for the year 2024.

This Remuneration Report details 2024 realized pay in line with the 2021 Remuneration Policy for the Management Board and our intentions for 2025 remuneration.

# **Management Board Compensation Philosophy and Principles**

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## AMG Compensation Philosophy

The AMG Values (safety, value creation, respect for people, protection of our planet, and integrity) are the foundation of AMG's ambition to be a leader in the field of critical materials and engineering services. These values underpin the assessment of overall performance for Annual Incentive Payments across the Company.

AMG's strategy is to be at the forefront of critical material technologies which target clean energy and energy efficiency and ultimately reduce CO<sub>2</sub> production.

The Remuneration Policy and the performance measures included within it endeavor to align AMG's performance targets with AMG's long-term strategic objectives and AMG's Values, and in so doing, support the generation of sustainable long-term stakeholder value, in line with the revised Dutch Corporate Governance Code that became effective in 2023.

To this end, AMG focuses on pay for performance: AMG's variable compensation is tied directly to the achievement of strategic targets. The performance measures focus management on the delivery of a combination of robust key performance indicators relating to the annual performance of the Company, and on long-term share price appreciation. AMG has concluded that this combination of annual key performance indicators and long-term share price appreciation align well with shareholder value creation.

AMG believes that shareholder value creation is an important pillar to creating long-term, sustainable stakeholder value. AMG's Remuneration Policy incentivizes the Management Board to focus on the other key pillars of sustainable stakeholder value creation: employees must be motivated to work in an environment that puts safety first, and the Company must consider the best interests of the surrounding community, customers, suppliers, service providers, financial institutions, and government agencies. AMG's nonfinancial performance measures focus management on delivering leadership in strategic projects and in long-term sustainability by targeting a specific set of goals including CO<sub>2</sub> abatement, safety, environmental stewardship, diversity, human resource development, and risk management. (ESRS 2 GOV3, 29, AR 7), (ESRS E1 GOV3, 13)

AMG targets a Remuneration Policy that is balanced between financial metrics, strategic objectives, and protecting stakeholder values. In addition, AMG targets a total compensation package that is sufficient to attract and retain key management team members.

## Competitive Environment and Peer Group

From the inception of AMG in 2007, the Supervisory Board has adopted a US-centric approach towards executive remuneration, but with due regard to the prevailing Dutch corporate governance environment. This US focus is due to the location of AMG's operational headquarters in the US and the fact that all of its Management Board members have been and continue to be US residents. AMG is mindful of the views of society about the level and structure of remuneration for its senior leadership and AMG continues to inform itself about those views in the major countries in which it is operating like the United States, Germany, Brazil, and the United Kingdom. Although AMG has no operational activities in the Netherlands, it continues to take into account the Dutch perspective since its head office is located and its shares are listed in Amsterdam.

The AMG group of companies competes throughout the world for business and for talent. Given its size and the diversity of its business, it must compete for superior talent with corporations of considerable scale. Therefore, AMG must provide top talent with roles that are challenging and motivating in a fast-paced environment and offer very competitive reward opportunities for superior performance.

In establishing the 2024 remuneration, the Supervisory Board considered multiple scenarios of how the remuneration components would be affected given different sets of circumstances, including one in which incentive plan thresholds were not achieved.

Every year, the Remuneration Committee of the Supervisory Board reviews, confirms and uses an executive compensation peer group for benchmarking purposes. During 2024, the Supervisory Board utilized a new peer group that was established with the assistance of our independent adviser Mercer Limited ("Mercer"). This new peer group features 14 of 19 peers which are listed and domiciled in Europe and has been used for the basis of reviewing our Remuneration Policy and how we will implement it in 2024. As part of the 2021 Remuneration Policy, AMG established that two-thirds of its compensation peers would be European, and the new peer group maintains this ratio.

The peer group used in 2024 consists of the following companies:

- 1. Albemarle\*
- 2. Allegheny Technologies Inc\*
- 3. AMAG
- 4. Aperam
- 5. Befesa
- 6. Bodycote
- 7. Carpenter Technologies\*
- 8. Constellium\*
- 9. Elementis
- 10. Eramet
- 11. Ferrexpo
- 12. Materion\*
- 13. OCI N.V.
- 14. Outokumpu
- 15. Pilbara Minerals
- 16. Salzgitter
- 17. SGL Carbon
- 18. Umicore
- 19. Vallourec

This peer group is an important yardstick for the Supervisory Board in determining performance by the Company and setting compensation for the Company's Management Board.

# **Summary: Remuneration Policy**

# **Fixed Pay Summary**

	Annual Base Salary	Pension and Other Benefits
Purpose	Reflects responsibilities, experience, and skill sets	Provides retirement and risk insurances tailored to local market practices and regulations
Form of Payment	Cash	Country and Individual specific and aligned with other senior managers
Performance Measures	_	_
Total By Management Board Member	Heinz Schimmelbusch: \$1,500,000 Eric Jackson: \$1,100,000 Jackson Dunckel: \$900,000 Michael Connor: \$600,000 <sup>2</sup>	Set at 50% of the average salary for the final 3 years of employment. Please see below for further details.

## **Annual Bonus**

The CEO's target bonus will be 85% of base salary and the COO's, CFO's and CCDO's will be 65% of salary. As per the approved policy, the maximum opportunity is 200% of target in line with best practice.

Financial Measure	Weighting
Operating Cash Flow	35%
Adjusted EBITDA	35%
Non-financial Measures	
<ul> <li>ESG Measures</li> <li>Lost Time Incident Rate</li> <li>Enabling CO<sub>2</sub> Reduction</li> <li>CO<sub>2</sub> Intensity</li> </ul>	6.7% each, totaling: 20%
Management Board Personal Targets	10%

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Michael Connor was elected to the Management Board on May 8, 2024.

<sup>\*</sup>Denotes a US Listed Peer

The 2021 remuneration policy replaced ROCE with adjusted EBITDA as a financial measure because of the very heavy CapEx schedule the Company is engaged in. The rationale for the change was that setting low ROCE targets due to the increase in capital employed would not provide a challenging enough target for Management and did not represent the strategy the Management Board presented to shareholders to deliver the growth targets as expeditiously as possible.

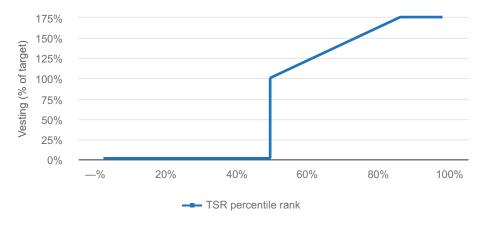
#### Performance Share Units

In line with the 2021 Remuneration Policy, the Long-Term Incentive Plan is now called the Performance Share Unit Plan. PSUs will be granted based on a Euro face value amount which is 185% of 2024 salary for the CEO and 90% of 2024 salary for the CFO, COO and CCDO, but the actual figure will fluctuate based on exchange rates. The maximum opportunity will continue at 175% of target.

Performance will continue to be measured over a three-year period. In addition, a two-year holding period of the number of post-tax shares awarded under the PSU plan applies to all PSUs.

Performance will be measured solely based on relative TSR versus the peer group utilized to benchmark Management Board compensation. The vesting schedule for awards after 2021 is shown below—the maximum opportunity is only available with outperformance at the 90th percentile, and unlike the old policy, there will no longer be any vesting for below-median performance.

#### Relative TSR— Vesting Schedule



The vesting value for the 2024 grant will be based on the TSR performance over three years and will utilize the average share price over the 30 trading days prior to year-end 2023 versus the average share price over the 30 trading days prior to year-end 2026.

The 2021 policy removed the ROCE hurdle for the PSUs in line with the change in financial measures for the annual bonus discussed above. However, the Supervisory Board may apply judgement where necessary to ensure approved vesting levels are representative of actual, overall Company performance including (but not limited to) the level of profit achieved and aim to manage risk in line with integrating business ethics and compliance.

### Variable Award Opportunities

Executive	Salary	Annual Bonus Target (% of salary)	Performance Share Unit Plan (% of salary)
Heinz Schimmelbusch, CEO	\$1,500,000	85%	185%
Eric Jackson, COO	\$1,100,000	65%	90%
Jackson Dunckel, CFO	\$900,000	65%	90%
Michael Connor, CCDO	\$600,000 <sup>3</sup>	65%	90%

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Michael Connor was elected to the Management Board on May 8, 2024.

## Compensation Governance Summary

The Supervisory Board at the recommendation of its Remuneration Committee is responsible for determining the Remuneration Policy for the members of the Management Board and the Supervisory Board. These Remuneration Policies are approved by the General Meeting of Shareholders of the company every four (4) years.

The Remuneration Policy for the Management Board is linked to the Company's sustainability agenda – that is explained in and part of the 2024 Sustainability Statement as published in this Annual Report. Under the 2021 Remuneration Policy 20% of the variable annual bonus (STI) is directly linked to specific sustainability related targets that are based on sustainability related performance metrics. These metrics and targets are set by the Supervisory Board at the recommendation of the Remuneration

The Remuneration Policy for the Supervisory Board includes a fixed remuneration part only and does not carry any variable, (including related to sustainability related matters) components or incentive schemes, all as mandated by the Dutch Corporate Governance Code.

Decision on	Decision-making authority
Compensation of Supervisory Board	Supervisory Board
Compensation of Management Board	Supervisory Board
Compensation of Senior Executives	Management Board / Remuneration Committee

## Management Board Compensation Risk Management Principles

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- Rigorous performance management process
- Balanced mix of short-term and long-term variable compensation elements
- Performance evaluation on an individual basis
- Long-term incentive plan focused on share price Severance payment is base salary plus in performance with three and four-year vesting
- · Annual incentive compensation capped at 200% of salary and PSU performance capped at 175% of face value
- Post contractual non-compete of 24 months
- some cases target annual incentive payment . No loans to executives permitted
- Good and bad leaver provisions apply to annual bonus and unvested share plans
- Clawback and malus principles apply to all elements of variable compensation
  - Share ownership requirements

# 2024 Management Board Compensation

# 2024 and 2023 Realized Pay for the Management Board

USD 000's	Year	Base Salary	Annual Bonus	PSUs <sup>4</sup>	Options <sup>5</sup>	Pension	Other <sup>6</sup>	Total	Fixed (% of Total)	Variable (% of Total)
Heinz Schimmelbusch,	2024	\$1,500	\$1,199	_	_	\$308	\$259	\$3,266	63%	37%
CEO	2023	\$1,260	\$1,836	_	\$163	\$1,231	\$809	\$5,299	62%	38%
Eric Jackson,	2024	\$1,100	\$672	_	_	\$256	\$64	\$2,092	68%	32%
C00	2023	\$966	\$1,030	_	\$63	\$2,437	\$800	\$5,296	79%	21%
Jackson Dunckel, CFO	2024	\$900	\$550	_	_	\$455	\$55	\$1,960	72%	28%
	2023	\$766	\$842	_	\$48	\$2,310	\$92	\$4,058	78%	22%
Michael Connor, CCDO	2024	\$519 <sup>7</sup>	\$367 <sup>8</sup>	_ 9	_	\$33	\$14	\$933	61%	39%

## Pensions and Retirement Benefits

The members of the Management Board are members of a defined contribution plan maintained in the United States. They receive additional retirement benefits from Metallurg's Supplemental Executive Retirement Plan (SERP). As detailed in the Remuneration Committee Chairman's letter, the pension structure for all Management Board executives was harmonized at 50% of the last 3 year's salary, and in all cases only starts after the end of their employment with AMG.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> The 2021-2023 and 2022-2024 PSUs did not meet the performance criteria and therefore vested with a performance multiplier of 0.0x.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Option value detail is described on the following pages.

<sup>6</sup> In 2023, other income includes a one-time cost of life insurance for the CEO and COO. In 2024, other income includes a one-time cost of life insurance for the CCDO.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> Michael Connor was elected to the Management Board on May 8, 2024.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> Michael Connor's annual bonus was paid on a full year new salary basis.

a Michael Connor received \$56k in stock compensation in 2024 related to the vesting of restricted share units that pertained to the service period prior to his election to the Management Board.

The Supervisory Board decided on February 26, 2025, to harmonize all pension benefits to be payable for life. Jackson Dunckel's and Mike Connor's benefits will be reduced if either of their employment with AMG ends prior to reaching age 65. The structural elements to the SERP's are summarized in the table below:

Executive	Prior Structure	Current Structure
Heinz Schimmelbusch, CEO	Pension paid post retirement for life, set at 50% of the average of the last three years' salary	No change
Eric Jackson, COO	Pension paid post retirement until age 88, set at 50% of the average of the last three years' salary	Pension paid post retirement for life, set at 50% of the average of the last three years' salary
Jackson Dunckel, CFO	Pension paid post retirement until age 88, set at 50% of the average of the last three years' salary	Pension paid post retirement for life, set at 50% of the average of the last three years' salary
Michael Connor, CCDO	Pension paid post retirement until age 88, set at 50% of the average of the last three years' salary	Pension paid post retirement for life, set at 50% of the average of the last three years' salary

#### 2024 Annual Bonus

Target opportunity was 85% of salary for the CEO and 65% for the COO, CFO and CCDO. Maximum performance was 200% of target subject to the attainment of exceptional performance.

Measure	Target	Actual	Actual % vs Target	Achievement vs Target	2023	Target % vs 2023
Financial Measures—70% of total, comprising:						
Operating Cash Flow (35%)	\$52.0M	\$37.5M	(28%)	0%	\$223.0M	(77%)
Adjusted EBITDA (35%)	\$136.2M	\$168.1M	(100%)	131%	\$350.5M	(61%)
Non-financial Measures—30% of total, comprising	ıg:					
ESG Measures (20%)						
Lost Time Incident Rate (6.7%)	0.90	0.48	(47%)	200%		
• Enabling CO <sub>2</sub> Reduction (6.7%)	120	114	(5%)	70%		
• CO <sub>2</sub> Intensity (6.7%)	2.47	2.16	(13%)	200%		
Management Board Strategic Targets (10%)	Qualitative	Above	Above	167%		
Total Annual Incentive Award				94%		

As explained in the Chairman of the Remuneration Committee's letter, AMG's 2024 performance exceeded the target set for adjusted EBITDA. The adjusted EBITDA target was \$136 million, \$214 million and 61% lower than 2023's all-time high result as it was set based on the then-prevailing lithium and vanadium prices. Actual adjusted EBITDA was \$168 million, due to lower lithium prices than projected, offset by strong results in the Technologies division. The Operating Cash Flow target was set at \$52 million, or 77% below the 2023 realized figure due to the lower forecasted profitability. The 2024 Operating Cash Flow of \$38 million resulted in a payout of 0% for this metric, driven by significantly lower than planned lithium prices offset by strong working capital management across the AMG portfolio.

# ESG Measures Performance -20% Weighting (ESRS 2 GOV3, 29, AR 7), (ESRS E1 GOV3, 13)

Metric	Weight	Result
Lost Time Incident Rate	6.7%	AMG's aspirational target is clearly zero Lost Time Incidents ("LTI"), but for the purposes of setting a compensation target, we aspire to be significantly better than our peers. Our peers are defined by the North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) code of 331 - Primary Metal Producers. This peer group had a 2023 LTI of 1.00. Our target of 0.90 was set at 10% less than 2023 LTI for our peer group, and Significantly Above was set 0.50, 50% less than the 2023 LTI for our peer group. AMG's 2024 LTI of 0.48 was significantly better than its peers and 52% below the peer group figure of 1.00. Outcome: 200% Achievement
Enabling CO <sub>2</sub> Reduction	6.7%	In 2024, AMG achieved enabled $CO_2$ savings of 114 million tons, compared to 110 million tons in 2023. The 2024 target was set at 120 million tons, or a 10% increase over 2023, with a Significantly Above target set at 140 million tons. The 2024 result was influenced by delays of certain projects as well as by revised calculations in certain categories. Outcome: 70% Achievement
CO <sub>2</sub> Intensity	6.7%	AMG entered into a Sustainability Linked Loan which included a commitment to reduce the CO <sub>2</sub> intensity of its operations. Based on a CO <sub>2</sub> intensity of 4.25 in 2021, AMG agreed to reduce its CO <sub>2</sub> intensity to 3.0 by 2026. Based on volume projections including the start-up of the Zanesville vanadium plant, the compensation target for 2024 was set at 2.47 – significantly ahead of the Sustainability Loan commitment of 3.75 in 2024. The Significantly Above target was set at 2.17. In 2024, AMG delivered a CO <sub>2</sub> intensity of 2.16, which met the aggressive target. Outcome: 200% Achievement

# Management Board Personal Target Score Card and Discussion – 10% Weighting

The scale used in evaluating the Management Board's performance is as follows:

Outcome	Value
Significantly Below	0%
Below	50%
Met	100%
Above	150%
Significantly Above	200%

Management Board Strategic Targets	Key Achievements	Result
Successful Ramp up of Brazil SP1+ Project	Plant achieved full run-rate production in Q4 2024 at \$198 per ton lower cost than budgeted	Significantly Above
Successful Ramp up of Bitterfeld Battery Grade Hydroxide Plant	<ul> <li>Bitterfeld Project was mechanically completed in November and will start up in Q2 2025</li> </ul>	Met
Double contracted capacity of LIVA Batteries	<ul> <li>Wipotec, the first third party battery, started up (3.75MW)</li> <li>In 2024 LIVA increased its contracted capacity to 11.7MW</li> </ul>	Significantly Above
Further Develop the Shell AMG Joint Venture (SARBV)	<ul> <li>Engaged Sumitomo Mitsui Bank Corp to arrange project financing</li> <li>Finalized Engineering with local providers</li> <li>Solved governance issues with local partner</li> </ul>	Significantly Above
Successful Ramp up of Nuremberg Vanadium Electrolyte Plant	Plant began producing electrolyte in Q4 2024	Met
Strengthen Divisional and Subsidiary Management Teams	<ul> <li>Established 3 separate divisions with new Management Board Structures</li> <li>Established a global Engineering Group and integrated it into project management and divisional management structure</li> </ul>	Significantly Above
Overall Assessment		Above
	Total Annual Incentive Award	167%

Dr. Schimmelbusch was instrumental in progressing multiple long term growth projects in 2024. He led the implementation of the Shell-AMG Joint Venture and led the negotiations for multiple lithium expansion projects including the purchase of a 16% stake in Savannah Resources. He closely managed LIVA's marketing and bidding strategy and successfully grew that business. He strengthened and expanded senior management at AMG, creating an Engineering Group that reports directly to the Management Board.

Mr. Jackson was engaged throughout 2024 executing the various projects AMG is pursuing. The spodumene expansion achieved run-rate capacity in the fourth quarter and operated below the planned cost per ton. The Bitterfeld battery grade hydroxide plant began its ramp up in September 2024.

Mr. Dunckel managed the project financing for the Jazan Supercenter recycling facility in Saudi Arabia and the Savannah Resources Lithium mine. He implemented a new cash management system and expanded working capital financing facilities across AMG. In addition, Mr. Dunckel managed the Corporate Sustainability Reporting Directive as well as the process of choosing a new auditor for AMG.

Mr. Connor was responsible for successfully acquiring a 16% stake in Savannah Resources plc and currently sits as nonexecutive on the Board of that company. In addition, he serves on the Board of ACMC which is the operating company for the Supercenter project pursued by Shell & AMG JV in Saudi Arabia, and has been instrumental in expanding the role of corporate development across the AMG business units, including restructuring AMG's financial planning process.

Given the success each of the Management Board members have had with their personal targets, the Supervisory Board has found their performance at the "Above" level and recommended that they be awarded their personal targets at a bonus percentage of 167%.

## 2022 Long-term Incentives (Vested December 2024)

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For the 2022 PSU award, the three-year vesting period was completed in December 2024. Based on the average share price over the final 30 trading days of 2024, the relative TSR for the Company as compared to its peer group did not meet the performance criteria and therefore resulted in a 0.0x multiplier. This value is included in 2024's realized pay.

50% of the 2020 Stock Options vested in 2024, and based on the closing share price at December 31, 2024, resulted in the following net vesting value to the Management Board:

(in thousands except shares)	Number of Shares <sup>10</sup>	Value <sup>11</sup>
Heinz Schimmelbusch, CEO	42,929	\$—
Eric Jackson, COO	16,666	\$—
Jackson Dunckel, CFO	12,626	\$—

The Management Board members did not exercise any stock options in 2024.

# Legacy 2021 Long-term Incentives

For the legacy 2021 PSU award, the three-year vesting period was completed in December 2023. Based on the average share price over the final 30 trading days of 2023, the relative TSR for the Company as compared to its peer group did not meet the performance criteria and therefore resulted in a 0.0x multiplier. This value is included in 2023's realized pay.

50% of the 2019 Stock Options and 50% of the 2020 Stock Options vested in 2023, and based on the closing share price at December 31, 2023, resulted in the following net vesting value to the Management Board:

(in thousands except shares)	Number of Shares <sup>12</sup>	Value <sup>13</sup>
Heinz Schimmelbusch, CEO	60,731	\$163
Eric Jackson, COO	22,688	\$63
Jackson Dunckel, CFO	17,863	\$48

## 2024 Long-term Incentives

In March 2024, the Supervisory Board awarded Performance Share Units to the Management Board pursuant to the 2021 Remuneration Policy.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>10</sup> Michael Connor has not historically received stock options.

<sup>11</sup> Calculated based on the share price of €13.65 at December 31, 2024 and an average USD/EUR exchange rate of 1.082 for the year ended December 31, 2024.

Michael Connor has not historically received stock options.

<sup>13</sup> Calculated based on the share prices of €22.82 at December 31, 2023 and an average USD/EUR exchange rate of 1.0815 for the year ended December 31, 2023.

The face value of the Long-Term Incentive Plan for 2024 is as follows, and is included in the following 2024 compensation expense table:

(in thousands except shares)	PSU Face Value <sup>14</sup>	# of PSU's Granted	% of Salary
Heinz Schimmelbusch, CEO	€2,569	125,256	185%
Eric Jackson, COO	€917	44,710	90%
Jackson Dunckel, CFO	€750	36,568	90%
Michael Connor, CCDO	€500	24,378	90%

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Per the 2021 Remuneration Policy, the number of PSUs awarded in 2024 is calculated as the face value divided by the average share price of the 5 trading days after the publication of the annual results of 2024. These PSU awards will vest after three years (a performance period of December 2023 to December 2025), subject to:

- a 3-year performance period and an additional 2-year holding period in line with the Dutch Corporate Governance Code.
- · payouts will be based 100% on relative Total Shareholder Return versus the global sector peers we utilize to benchmark Management Board pay. Due to the cyclical nature of some of AMG's products, the Supervisory Board believes that a relative measure versus AMG's industry peers is the best way to incentivize the Management Board to outperform its industry over time.
- there will no longer be any vesting of the PSUs for performance below the 50th percentile, in line with best market practice.

As per the 2021 Remuneration Policy, no share options were granted to Management Board members as this incentive scheme was terminated in 2021. All share options granted to the Management Board members prior to 2021 remain in full force and effect in accordance with the governing share option plan.

## Outstanding Options Held by the Management Board

The summary of all options outstanding, both vested and non-vested, is presented in the table below:

AMG Option Plan			Non-Vested Options Under the Plan Vested Option				Options und	ler the Plan
For the Year Ended December 31, 2024	Year	Date of Grant	Number of Options	Present Value at Date of Grant (€)	Vesting Scheme	Exercise Price (€)	Number of Options	Market Value at 12/31/2024 (\$000) <sup>15</sup>
	2017	5/4/2017	_	340,000	50% vested after 3 years 50% vested after 4 years	25.50	47,667	_
Dr. Heinz	2018	5/2/2018	_	340,000	50% vested after 3 years 50% vested after 4 years	44.24	17,086	_
Schimmelbusch	2019	5/13/2019	_	340,000	50% vested after 3 years 50% vested after 4 years	31.43	35,602	_
	2020	3/11/2020	_	340,000	50% vested after 3 years 50% vested after 4 years	19.31	85,859	_
	2017	5/4/2017	_	100,000	50% vested after 3 years 50% vested after 4 years	25.50	14,020	_
Eric Jackson	2018	5/2/2018	_	100,000	50% vested after 3 years 50% vested after 4 years	44.24	5,026	_
Eric Jackson	2019	5/13/2019	_	115,000	50% vested after 3 years 50% vested after 4 years	31.43	12,042	_
	2020	3/11/2020	_	132,000	50% vested after 3 years 50% vested after 4 years	19.31	33,333	_
	2017	5/4/2017	_	100,000	50% vested after 3 years 50% vested after 4 years	25.50	14,020	_
Jackson Dunckel	2018	5/2/2018	_	100,000	50% vested after 3 years 50% vested after 4 years	44.24	5,026	_
Jackson Dunckel	2019	5/13/2019	_	100,000	50% vested after 3 years 50% vested after 4 years	31.43	10,471	_
	2020	3/11/2020	_	100,000	50% vested after 3 years 50% vested after 4 years	19.31	25,253	_

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>14</sup> Awarded at the average 5 day share price prior to February 29, 2024 of €20.51, and a Euro / USD exchange rate of 1.08.

<sup>15</sup> Calculated based on the share price of €13.65 at December 31, 2024 and an average USD/EUR exchange rate of 1.082 for the year ended December 31, 2024.

## **Share Ownership Guidelines**

Management Board Members are required to hold a minimum level of shares in relation to their base salary. The CEO's guideline is 4x base salary whilst the COO, CFO and CCDO's guidelines are 2x base salary. Per the table below, the CEO currently holds 12x his base salary, the COO holds 5x his base salary, the CFO holds 2x his base salary, all of whom have met the guideline. The CCDO holds 1x of his base salary, but he has four years to build up his shareholding as a Management Board member.

The table below outlines the number of shares held by Management Board Members on an unvested and vested basis.

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	Shares Owned	Multiple of Salary <sup>16</sup>	Unvested PSUs	PSU Award Price	<b>Total Shares</b>
Dr. Heinz Schimmelbusch	1,262,333	12x			
2023–2025			_	€37.97	
2024–2026			_	€20.51	
Total Shares	1,262,333		_		1,262,333
Eric Jackson	395,554	5x			
2023–2025			_	€37.97	
2024–2026			_	€20.51	
Total Shares	395,554		_		395,554
Jackson Dunckel	98,206	2x			
2023–2025			_	€37.97	
2024–2026			_	€20.51	
Total Shares	98,206		_		98,206
Michael Connor	34,460	1x			
2023–2025			_	€37.97	
2024–2026			_	€20.51	
Total Shares	34,460		_		34,460
Total Shares Owned by Management Board	1,790,553		_		1,790,553

### Pay Ratio and AMG Group Workforce Compensation

Since the introduction of the pay ratio in 2017, the Supervisory Board, upon recommendation of the Remuneration Committee, has established that the most informative ratio would be one which compares the average Management Board actual compensation with that of the average total employee benefit cost per employee (global workforce). The average Management Board compensation (rather than only CEO compensation) is deemed to be the appropriate parameter, given the collective management responsibility of the Management Board members under the Dutch corporate governance system.

It should be noted that pay-ratios are specific to a company's industry, geographic footprint, and organizational structure. For example, a large part of AMG's workforce is located in emerging and developing countries, whereas AMG's Management Board members are based in the United States. Compensation packages are designed to be locally competitive. Pay ratios are also susceptible to volatility over time, as they can vary with incentive outcomes, stock market movements (impacting the LTI part of the Management Board compensation), changes in incumbents, exchange rate movements and actual financial performance by the Company.

	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Management Board Pay Ratio	25	61	50	76	42
CEO Pay Ratio	35	92	72	92	69

The average remuneration on a full-time equivalent basis of workforce of the AMG Group was \$74k and \$76k per year in 2024 and 2023, respectively.

The development of this pay ratio will be monitored and disclosed going forward. The Remuneration Committee has taken into account these pay ratios in establishing the Management Board compensation for 2024 and believes that these ratios are fair and adequate for this purpose.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>16</sup> Based on December 31, 2024 share price of €13.65. The 2023 and 2024 awards had a 0.0x multiplier as of December 31, 2024.

## Five-year Change in Realized Compensation Versus Key Performance Indicators

The table below<sup>17</sup> shows the change in total realized remuneration for each Management Board member over the past five-year period, compared to (a) financial performance by the Company and (b) average remuneration of the AMG Group workforce, during the same period.

Year on Year % Change (except ROCE)	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Heinz Schimmelbusch	(34%)	46%	64%	(39%)	(38%)
Eric Jackson	(33%)	70%	50%	26%	(60%)
Jackson Dunckel	(45%)	57%	37%	16%	(52%)
Cash Flow from Operations	(58%)	363%	85%	33%	(83%)
Share Price Change	15%	16%	22%	(34%)	(39%)
Actual ROCE	3.5%	11.9%	30.8%	26.3%	9.1%
Adjusted EBITDA (USD in millions)	\$66.8	\$136.7	\$342.6	\$350.5	\$168.1
Average Remuneration AMG Group Workforce	(8%)	13%	—%	5%	(2%)

## Compensation Expense of the Management Board in 2024

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Total compensation expense recorded by AMG in its financial reports with respect to the pension and retirement benefits of the Management Board are provided in the table below, which sets forth total expenses incurred in 2023 for Management Board remuneration.

All Management Board members receive benefits that are in line with industry and individual country practice. No loans, advances, or guarantees are granted to any Management Board members. Total costs to the Company with respect to other remuneration of the Management Board are provided in the table below<sup>18</sup>, which sets forth total costs incurred in 2024 for Management Board remuneration.

(in thousands) for the Year Ended December 31, 2024	Base Salary <sup>19</sup>	Annual Bonus <sup>20</sup>	Option Compensation	Performance Share Units	Retirement Benefits & Pensions	Other Remuneration <sup>21</sup>	Total
Heinz Schimmelbusch	\$1,500	\$1,199	\$12	\$1,923	\$308	\$259	\$5,201
Eric Jackson	\$1,100	\$672	\$5	\$719	\$256	\$788	\$3,540
Jackson Dunckel	\$900	\$550	\$4	\$565	\$455	\$55	\$2,529
Michael Connor	\$519	\$367	_	\$181	\$33	\$14	\$1,114

## 2025 Changes to Management Board Remuneration

As explained above, it is proposed that there will be no material changes to Management Board Remuneration in 2025, and base salary increases are frozen for 2 years (2025 and 2026). For reference, the target compensation (i.e., assuming 100% of the target is reached) will be as follows:

#### 2025 Management Board Compensation at Target

(in thousands) for the Year Ended December 31, 2025	Base Salary	Annual Bonus	Option Compensation	Performance Share Units	Retirement Benefits & Pensions	Other Remuneration	Total	% of Fixed
Heinz Schimmelbusch	\$1,500	\$1,275	_	\$2,775	\$352	\$259	\$6,161	34%
Eric Jackson	\$1,100	\$715	_	\$990	\$357	\$64	\$3,226	47%
Jackson Dunckel	\$900	\$585	_	\$810	\$535	\$55	\$2,885	52%
Michael Connor	\$600	\$390	_	\$540	\$138	\$35	\$1,703	45%

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>17</sup> Michael Connor joined the Management Board on May 8, 2024, and has been excluded from the table for this reason.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>18</sup> The amounts in this table represent the expense recorded by AMG for each component.

<sup>19</sup> Michael Connor was elected to the Management Board on May 8, 2024. As such, his prorated salary for the purpose of presenting 2024 actual salary.

 $<sup>^{\</sup>rm 20}$  Michael Connor's bonus was calculated on the full value of his new salary.

<sup>21 &</sup>quot;Other Remuneration" includes car expenses and additional insurance paid for by the Company. In 2024, this amount includes a one-time cost of life insurance for Eric Jackson and Michael Connor. The one-time cost of life insurance for Eric Jackson was included in 2023 realized pay but was not paid until 2024.

# **Supervisory Board Remuneration Report 2024**

## Background and Strategic Framework

Reference is made to the 2024 Remuneration Policy for the Supervisory Board of the Company with respect to a description of the relevance of the Company's values, identity, and mission and of the background, strategic framework and ambitions and guiding principles that apply to the Company's remuneration philosophy for the Company's Supervisory Board members.

As explained in the 2024 Remuneration Policy for the Supervisory Board, which was adopted during the Annual General Meeting in May 2024, Supervisory Board members have a different role than Management Board members and are compensated differently. Accordingly, Supervisory Board members are not entitled to variable compensation or long-term incentives. No financial or non-financial (including relating to sustainability matters) performance indicators apply to the annual compensation of Supervisory Board members.

The Supervisory Board believes that the benchmarks it uses to attract and retain members for the Management Board should equally apply to the composition and membership of the Supervisory Board. Hence, and given the fast-paced and competitive international environment surrounding AMG's operations, competitive reward opportunities are necessary to attract highly qualified Supervisory Board members.

The Supervisory Board therefore has selected and uses an appropriate compensation peer group for benchmarking purposes that is the same as the peer group used for benchmarking the remuneration of the Management Board.

## Remuneration Components – Supervisory Board

Fees paid to Supervisory Board members are not linked to the financial results of the Company. Supervisory Board members receive fixed compensation on an annual basis that is partly payable in AMG shares as explained below. Supervisory Board members do not accrue pension rights and are compensated for travel and lodging expenses incurred as a result of discharging their Supervisory Board duties. They are not entitled to any benefits upon the termination of their appointment.

The individual Supervisory Board members are paid annually:

- (a) a fixed retainer fee in cash (USD)
- (b) a fixed Share Award (EUR)

taking into account the level of responsibility of each Supervisory Board member within the Board.

In 2024, the following amounts were paid to the Supervisory Board members:

(in thousands except shares)	Cash	Shares <sup>22</sup>	Share Value <sup>23</sup>	Total
Steve Hanke	\$110	2,925	\$65	\$175
Willem van Hassel	\$75	1,950	\$43	\$118
Herb Depp	\$80	1,707	\$38	\$118
Donatella Ceccarelli	\$80	1,707	\$38	\$118
Anne Roby	\$80	1,707	\$38	\$118
Dagmar Bottenbruch	\$42	1,110	\$25	\$67
Warmolt Prins	\$65	1,707	\$38	\$103

The amounts above comprise the total remuneration received on an annual basis by Supervisory Board members for their services rendered.

The share award that is given as compensation to Supervisory Board members comprises a number of AMG shares that is equal to the award amount divided by the average share price of the 10 trading days immediately following the publication of the annual results of AMG of the previous year. Shares awarded to and received by Supervisory Board members as compensation are held for long-term investment purposes and shall be held for a period of at least three years from the date of receipt, and for at least one year after the date a Supervisory Board member has retired.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>22</sup> Share quantity calculated based on the share price on the award date.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>23</sup> Share value is fixed in Euros, but changes each year due to exchange rate movements.

The Supervisory Board acknowledges that by awarding shares to its members as compensation, AMG deviates from best practice provision 3.3.2. of the Dutch Corporate Governance Code (2016). As explained by the Supervisory Board during and as early as the 2009 and 2013 Annual General Meetings, and again during the 2020 Annual General Meeting, it considers it important to be able to recruit future members from the global marketplace given the size and complexity of the markets AMG is operating in. This merits that part of the remuneration be paid in company shares, in line with US practice (and the general US centric approach for executive compensation as chosen by the Supervisory Board and explained in the Remuneration Policy of the Management Board), where the Company has its operational headquarters. Shares granted as compensation to Supervisory Board members are held as long-term investments and restricted from trading for a period of at least three years from the date of granting. As a result, the Company departs from best practice provision 3.3.2. for reasons explained above. The Supervisory Board expects that this departure will continue to apply indefinitely as it has been in place since 2007 and has contributed to the quality of the Supervisory Board and success of AMG. Further, the Supervisory Board holds the view that this departure does not in any way negatively affect good corporate governance at the Company.

The decision by the Supervisory Board to continue its practice to partly compensate its members in AMG shares fully aligns with the long-term share-based incentives granted to the Management Board members under the Management Board Remuneration Policy as a tool to drive and reward sound business decisions and judgment to support AMG's long-term health that is necessary for achieving its strategic objectives and to align the interests of its Board members with those of AMG's shareholders.

# Five-year change in Supervisory Board Compensation Expense Versus Key Performance Indicators

Year on Year % Change (except ROCE)	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Steve Hanke	11%	1%	(4%)	1%	1%
Willem van Hassel	(2%)	1%	(4%)	7%	(6%)
Herb Depp	1%	1%	(3%)	—%	1%
Donatella Ceccarelli	3%	1%	(3%)	—%	1%
Frank Löhner	1%	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Dagmar Bottenbruch	N/A	1%	(4%)	(65%)	86%
Warmolt Prins	N/A	N/A	46%	-%	1%
Anne Roby	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	53%
Cash Flow from Operations	(58%)	363%	85%	33%	(83%)
Total Shareholder Return	15%	16%	22%	(34%)	(39%)
Actual ROCE	3.5%	11.9%	30.8%	26.3%	9.1%
Adjusted EBITDA (USD in millions)	\$66.8	\$136.7	\$342.6	\$350.5	\$168.1
Average Remuneration AMG Group Workforce	(8%)	13%	-%	5%	(2%)

# 2024 Sustainability Statement

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### **General information**

#### **Basis for preparation**

#### BP-1 — General basis for preparation of the sustainability statement

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The sustainability statement of AMG Critical Materials N.V. ("AMG") is prepared on a consolidated basis. (ESRS 2 BP1, 5(a)) The scope of the consolidation is equal to the scope of consolidation for the financial statements. (ESRS 2 BP1, 5(b)i, 5(b)ii) Where forward-looking statements are made in this report it is understood that such statements should be considered uncertain. (ESRS 2 BP1, 12)

This is the seventeenth year that we publicly disclose our sustainability information and the first year of disclosure voluntarily aligned with the Corporate Sustainability Reporting Directive ("CSRD") and the underlying European Sustainability Reporting Standards (ESRS) as adopted by the European Commission. At the time of publication of our Annual Report 2024, the implementation of the CSRD has not officially been enforced in the Dutch law. We are also publishing a Supplemental Sustainability Report which will be made available on our website. This report presents supplemental sustainability information to accompany AMG Critical Materials N.V.'s 2024 Annual Report but it is not part of the Annual Report nor the Sustainability Statements included therein. Our 2024 Annual Report is the governing document and includes our formal sustainability work for the benefit of all interested stakeholders. This report covers the 2024 calendar year. AMG does not include entities in the boundaries of this report of which we do not have operational control. The facilities that are included in our sustainably statement and that are under our operational control is in Table BP-1.

Our aim is to report acquisitions and (de)mergers or other similar transactions from the date of transaction. However, as onboarding and training takes time, there could be a delay between closing of a transaction and integration into sustainability reporting. For the 2024 reporting period there have been no acquisitions or (de)mergers that impact the scope of consolidation.

The material impacts, risks and opportunities (IROs) connected to our value chain have been assessed as part of our double materiality assessment (see SBM-3, Table 4: Summary of Material Impacts, Risk and Opportunities) and discussed in the topical disclosures of this report, where applicable. Based on the topic, several AMG policies extend to actors in our upstream value chain (see IRO-2, Table 8: AMG Sustainability-related policy overview), while actions, targets and metrics only apply to AMG own operations. (ESRS 2 BP1, 5(c)).

AMG is not omitting information corresponding to intellectual property, know-how or the results of innovation. (ESRS 2 BP1, 5(d)) Further, AMG is not using an exemption for undertakings based in an EU member state that allows for the exemption from disclosure of impending developments or matters during negotiation. (ESRS 2 BP1, 5(e))

These sustainability statements have been prepared in a context of new sustainability reporting standards requiring entity-specific and temporary interpretations. For certain interpretations, we have had to consider sources of estimation and value chain, which inherently are subject to measurement or evaluation uncertainties.

Certain quantitative metrics and monetary amounts are subject to measurement uncertainty. Where relevant and significant, we have disclosed information about the sources of measurement uncertainty and the assumptions, approximations and judgements the Company has made in measuring these in compliance with the ESRS.

The comparability of sustainability information between entities and over time may be affected by the lack of historical information in accordance with the ESRS. This allows for the application of different, but acceptable, measurement techniques, especially in the initial years.

In section IRO-1 we have described the ongoing due diligence and double materiality assessment process, including our engagement with affected stakeholders. Due diligence is an on-going practice that responds to and may trigger changes in the Company's strategy, business model, activities, business relationships, operating, sourcing and selling contexts. The sustainability statements may not include every impact, risk and opportunity or additional entity-specific disclosure that each individual stakeholder may consider important.

Table BP-1 — AMG sites covered in 2024 sustainability statement

Segment	Site name <sup>1</sup>	Location	Country
AMG Corporate	AMG Headquarters <sup>4</sup>	Amsterdam	Netherlands
	AMG USA Headquarters <sup>4</sup>	Pennsylvania	USA
AMG Lithium	AMG Brazil S.A. <sup>2,3</sup>	Nazareno	Brazil
	AMG Brazil S.A. <sup>2, 3</sup>	São João del Rei	Brazil
	AMG Brazil S.A. <sup>4</sup>	Belo Horizonte	Brazil
	AMG Lithium	Bitterfeld	Germany
	AMG Lithium <sup>2</sup>	Frankfurt	Germany
AMG Vanadium	AMG Aluminum <sup>2, 3</sup>	Sanming	China
	AMG Aluminum <sup>2, 3</sup>	Kentucky	USA
	AMG Aluminum <sup>2, 3</sup>	Washington	USA
	AMG Aluminum <sup>4</sup>	Mexico City	Mexico
	AMG Vanadium <sup>2, 3</sup>	Cambridge, Ohio	USA
	AMG Vanadium <sup>2, 3</sup>	Zanesville, Ohio	USA
	AMG Alpoco <sup>2, 3</sup>	Anglesey	UK
	AMG Chrome <sup>2, 3</sup>	Pennsylvania	USA
	AMG Chrome and AMG Aluminum <sup>2, 3</sup>	Rotherham	UK
	AMG Titanium <sup>2, 3</sup>	Brand Erbisdorf	Germany
	AMG Titanium <sup>2, 3</sup>	Nürnberg	Germany
	AMG Titanium <sup>2, 3</sup>	Pennsylvania	USA
AMG Technologies	AMG Antimony <sup>2, 3</sup>	Chauny	France
	AMG Antimony <sup>2, 3</sup>	Lucette	France
	AMG Graphite <sup>2, 3</sup>	Hauzenberg	Germany
	AMG Graphite	Cabo Delgado Province	Mozambique
	AMG Graphite <sup>2, 3</sup>	Qingdao	China
	Bogala Graphite Lanka <sup>2, 3</sup>	Colombo	Sri Lanka
	AMG Silicon <sup>2, 3</sup>	Pocking	Germany
	ALD C&K <sup>2, 3</sup>	Suzhou	China
	ALD Dynatech <sup>2, 3</sup>	Mumbai	India
	ALD France <sup>2, 3</sup>	Grenoble	France
	ALD Japan <sup>4</sup>	Tokyo	Japan
	ALD TT USA <sup>2, 3</sup>	Michigan	USA
	ALD TT C&K <sup>2, 3</sup>	Suzhou	China
	ALD TT Mexico <sup>2, 3</sup>	Ramos Arizpe	Mexico
	ALD Russia <sup>4</sup>	Moscow	Russia
	ALD Thailand <sup>4</sup>	Bangkok	Thailand
	ALD USA <sup>4</sup>	Connecticut	USA
	ALD Vacuum Technologies <sup>2, 3</sup>	Hanau	Germany
	ALD Vacuheat <sup>2, 3</sup>	Limbach	Germany

<sup>1)</sup> The chart indicates which facilities were included in the scope of the sustainability statement.

<sup>2)</sup> Location included in Scope 1 and 2 analysis.

<sup>3)</sup> Location included in Scope 3 analysis.

<sup>4)</sup> Sales, administrative, and smaller engineering sites not included in the environmental data as the impact is deemed not material.

#### BP-2 — Disclosures in relation to specific circumstances

The following table summarizes the specific circumstances considered in preparation of the sustainability statement.

Table BP-2 — Specific circumstances

BP-2	Disclosures in relation to specific circumstances
Time horizons <sup>1</sup> (ESRS 2 BP2, 9(a))	Near-term (1-3 years): aligning with business and financial planning timeframe.  Medium-term (3-10 years): aligning with the Group business outlook timeframe and enabling us to think beyond our near-term targets and adjust strategy as appropriate.
Value chain estimations (ESRS 2 BP2, 10)	Where value chain data is estimated the metrics and the basis for preparation, resulting level o accuracy and (where applicable) planned actions to improve the accuracy of the data in the future are detailed in the topical disclosures.
Sources of estimation and outcome uncertainty (ESRS 2 BP2, 11)	Where there may be sources of estimation and outcome uncertainty they are detailed in the topical disclosures.
Changes in preparation or presentation of sustainability information (ESRS 2 BP2, 13)	For 2024, AMG is for the first time presenting Environmental, Social, and Governance disclosures that are aligned to the requirements of the CSRD.
Reporting errors in prior period (ESRS 2 BP2, 14)	AMG is availing itself of the transitional provision relief and not presenting comparative information in the first year of preparation of the sustainability statement. As there are no prior periods reported, there are no associated reporting errors
Disclosures stemming from local legislation or generally accepted sustainability pronouncements (ESRS 2 BP2, 15)	AMG is not including information based on local legislation or generally accepted sustainability reporting pronouncements and frameworks in its sustainability statements.
Incorporation by reference (ESRS 2 BP2, 16)	Business Review (ESRS 2 SBM1, 40(a)i, 40 (a)ii) Page 20 Risk Management & Internal Controls (ESRS 2 GOV5, 35, 36(a-c)) Page 26 Report of the Supervisory Board (ESRS 2 GOV1 21-23) Page 34 Remuneration Report (ESRS 2 GOV3, 29, AR 7), (ESRS E1 GOV3, 13) Page 46 Corporate Governance (ESRS 2 GOV1 21-23), (ESRS G1 GOV1, 5) Page 120 Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements (ESRS 2 SBM1, 40(b, c)) Page 143

<sup>1)</sup> Timelines are in accordance with AMG business planning cycle (ESRS 2 BP2, 9(b))

#### **Strategy**

#### SBM-1 — Strategy, business model and value chain

#### **About AMG**

Our corporate headquarters is in Amsterdam, Netherlands, and we are listed on the Amsterdam stock exchange. We operate at 38 sites, of which 28 are production facilities. In total 3,651 employees are working at AMG. Most of them, 1,864 are based in Europe, with 1,323 employees in the Americas, 456 in Asia and 8 in Africa. (ESRS 2 SBM1, 40 (a)iii) The success of a company is based on the collective performance of its team. Our successes underline the commitment and outstanding performance of our team. At AMG, people from many nations and professional fields work together to enhance sustainability. We achieve outstanding performance with motivated employees and, above all, by fostering an innovative working environment. We aim to ensure that innovative ideas and fresh perspectives continue to drive us forward.

Table SBM-1 Headcount of employees by geographical area

Regions	Headcount Region Total
Europe	1,864
Northern America	485
Central America	86
South America	752
Eastern Asia	262
Southern Asia	188
South-Eastern Asia	6
Eastern Africa	8
Total	3,651

At AMG, we produce highly engineered specialty metals as well as market-leading vacuum furnaces for specialized alloying applications and heat treatment services to the transportation, infrastructure, energy, and specialty metals and chemicals markets. We are generally classified under three primary NACE codes which also reflects significance because individually they account for more than 10% of revenue: C24.1 - Manufacture of basic metals, B07.29 - Mining of non-ferrous metal ores, and DK.29.21 Manufacture of Furnaces and Furnace Burners. (ESRS 2 SBM1, 40(a)i) AMG operates three segments: AMG Lithium, AMG Vanadium, and AMG Technologies. AMG's most significant markets in 2024 are the United States, China and Europe with substantial revenues and non-current assets in these regions. These markets, along with Brazil, represent key geographical areas served by the company. (ESRS 2 SBM1, 40(a)ii). For a more detailed description of our business model, strategy, and key markets served, see the <u>Business Review</u> sections of the Annual Report. (ESRS 2 SBM1, 40(a)ii) No products of AMG were banned in the past year in any jurisdiction where AMG is active. (ESRS 2 SBM1, 40(a)iv)

#### **AMG** business segments

Total revenues by business segment, as required by IFRS 8 Operating Segments, can be found in <u>Footnote 4, Segment Reporting</u>, of the <u>Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements</u> of the Annual Report. No other additional significant ESRS sectors are part of this disclosure. (ESRS 2 SBM1, 40(b,c))

AMG's three segments have an impact on, and are impacted by environmental, social, and governance (ESG) matters:

**AMG** Vanadium — AMG Vanadium faces potential risks regarding ESG issues, particularly in relation to worker safety and climate change. As the world leader of recycling waste refinery resid catalyst, AMG Vanadium capitalizes and promotes a business model in alignment with the objectives and goals of the circular economy. AMG Vanadium has the potential to negatively impact the environment through its impact on climate change due to GHG emissions resulting from combustion of carbon-containing materials and energy-intensive arc furnace operations. Consequently, AMG Vanadium places great emphasis on safeguarding both the environment and workers, prioritizing their protection in its own operations.

**AMG Technologies** — ESG issues impact AMG Technologies primarily through the opportunities it presents for reducing greenhouse gas emissions and energy use for downstream users of products manufactured with our technologies. In line with our strategy, we place a strong emphasis on the positive aspects of ESG, offering technological solutions that help downstream customers minimize their climate impacts. AMG Technologies also places great emphasis on safeguarding both the environment and workers, prioritizing their protection in its own operations and the broader value chain.

**AMG** Lithium — AMG Lithium faces potential risks and opportunities, as well as actual and potential impacts, in relation to sustainability matters. Risks primarily stem from worker-related concerns within the value chain, and we maintain a steadfast focus on the health and safety of our own workers. On the other hand, climate change presents a notable opportunity for the Lithium segment. While acknowledging that the Lithium segment relies on mining of spodumene and emits greenhouse gases; the Lithium segment plays a role in the transition towards a greener economy offering significant benefits due to the widespread use of lithium batteries that enable electrification of vehicles and stabilization of intermittent renewable-heavy grids. As part of our strategy, we remain committed to maximizing the advantages of lithium production while remaining vigilant about the treatment of workers in its own operations and the broader value chain.

#### » For a list of complete IROs refer to Table SBM-3 on page 70.

#### Strategy overview

AMG is a global leader in critical materials which are essential building blocks for containing and eventually reversing the growth of atmospheric  $CO_2$  levels. (ESRS 2 SBM1, 40(g)) AMG understands our obligation to minimizing our impact on climate change and are committed to achieving the following goal:

By 2030, AMG commits to reduce its direct scope 1 and scope 2 CO<sub>2</sub> emissions by 20% from a baseline of 2019 (i.e., pre-COVID-19) adjusted for the startup of our Zanesville facility. This is a total reduction of 125,000 tons of CO<sub>2</sub>. These objectives have been set on a company level, apply to all lines of the business, and are not related to specific customers, geographical regions, or stakeholders. (ESRS 2 SBM1, 40(e), 40(f))

AMG's Supervisory Board and Management Boards are guided by these objectives when defining and implementing the Company's strategic objectives. AMG's strategy is centered around capitalizing on the growing demand for critical materials essential for sustainable technologies, enhancing production capacities, and maintaining its strong presence in the global market. This strategy links to AMG's sustainability matters through the following elements:

- Ensuring health and safety of employees is a priority for AMG. Our 3S (Safety, Sustainability, and Science) Committee oversees policies related to environmental, health and safety risks, emphasizing the importance of a safe working environment.
- We actively contribute to reducing CO<sub>2</sub> emissions by enabling downstream users of products manufactured with our technologies to avoid CO<sub>2</sub> emissions. This is achieved through the development and supply of critical materials that enable the production of cleaner technologies, such as lithium for electric vehicle batteries and thermal barrier coatings for aircraft.

AMG promotes circular economy principles by focusing on material efficiency, recycling, and the sustainable use of resources.
 For instance, enhancing the lifecycle of materials through recycling and reclamation processes, reducing the demand for virgin materials, and minimizing waste.

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- By producing and refining materials crucial for clean energy technologies, AMG plays a significant role in the transition to renewable energy sources. Our efforts in developing vanadium electrolyte materials and grid stabilization redox-flow batteries help alleviate the environmental pressures associated with the clean energy supply.
- We prioritize the development and well-being of our employees by fostering a supportive and inclusive work environment. This involves promoting diversity and inclusion (D&I) initiatives, and investing in talent development programs to ensure that employees have opportunities for growth and advancement within the company.
- AMG maintains strong corporate governance practices and a commitment to ethical business conduct. This includes robust
  risk management systems and adherence to a Code of Business Conduct and AMG's Values which guide the behavior of
  employees, officers, and directors. This focus on the governance is intended to create long-term value for shareholders and
  ensure responsible business operations.

#### Value chain overview

AMG operates in and is closely tied to the use and production of critical materials which has its own discrete set of sustainability impacts, risks and opportunities. AMG's position in the value chain is that of a metal mining and manufacturing company. By being involved in multiple value chains, covering both upstream and downstream activities, AMG captures value at different stages of the metal production process and provides comprehensive solutions to its customers.

Our business model is centered around the development and supply of advanced metallurgical products and services that cater to global markets. We engage with local communities to create job opportunities and contribute to economic development. Our strategy is centered on a strong emphasis of responsible labor practices and safe working conditions. Our workforce is our most important asset, and we invest in their development through continuous training and providing a safe working environment.

Our commitment to environmental stewardship is embedded in our financial objectives and strategy. We strive to minimize our carbon footprint through the adoption of clean technologies and sustainable processes. Investments in renewable energy projects and energy-efficient technologies reduce our carbon footprint and secure a sustainable energy supply. This strategic focus is operationalized through our business model that prioritizes the use of renewable energy sources and recycled materials. We acknowledge that our operations inherently involve environmental impacts, such as GHG emissions, but our strategy is designed to continuously seek improvements in energy efficiency, waste reduction and environmental initiatives aimed at preserving ecosystems for future generations.

Our business model incorporates supplier selection criteria and labor standards to ensure compliance with ethical labor practices throughout our supply chain. We understand that our strategic choices directly influence the livelihoods of our employees and those within our supply chain, and we are committed to upholding high standards of human rights, fair wages, and equal opportunities. Our strategic approach to community and societal engagement is centered around creating shared value. We believe in supporting the communities where we operate, which is reflected in our business model that prioritizes local hiring and community development initiatives.

In the upstream value chain, we source raw materials from suppliers who adhere to the strict sustainability and ethical standards outlined in our Supplier Code of Conduct. AMG is actively involved in the extraction of lithium and graphite, and refining and smelting of various metals. This entails mining operations, as well as sourcing raw materials from key suppliers such as mining companies, metal scrap dealers, and other metal producers. AMG then processes these materials to produce intermediate or finished goods.

In the downstream value chain, AMG focuses on the production and distribution of specialized metals. This involves alloying, casting, and shaping metals to meet the specific requirements of its diverse customer segments. AMG serves a wide range of customers, including manufacturers in industries such as aerospace, automotive, energy, and infrastructure. These customers rely on AMG's metal products for their own production processes. (ESRS 2 SBM1, 42(c))

AMG has established strong and strategic relationships with key suppliers and customers within its value chain. The company works closely with suppliers to ensure a consistent supply of raw materials and maintain high-quality standards. On the customer side, AMG collaborates closely with its downstream partners to understand their unique needs and provide customized solutions. To effectively reach its customers, AMG utilizes various distribution channels. (ESRS 2 SBM1, AR 14(a,b))

Through its Technologies segment, AMG offers vacuum equipment for vacuum metallurgy and heat treatment to its downstream partners. Its upstream value chain consists of products such as pumps, valves, pipes, and other finished goods that are assembled to produce highly engineered vacuum furnace solutions and coating equipment.

In general terms, AMG operates in the business-to-business marketplace. On the upstream side, AMG produces material at the mine level of the value chain, purchases refined mine material, or purchases metal ingots from suppliers. On the downstream side, AMG provides metal materials to intermediary manufacturers. Through our Technologies segment, which mostly comprises engineering activities, AMG provides furnace technologies to other manufactures. Our value chain is detailed in Figure 2 below. (ESRS 2 SBM1, 42(a-c))

## Figure SBM-1 AMG value chain

	Raw Materials	
AMG Mines AMG Purchases		rchases
Natural Graphite	Antimony Metal	Titanium
Tantalum	Boron Titanium Salts	$V_2O_5$
Feldspar	Aluminum	Formed Metal Alloys
Lithium Concentrate	Chrome Oxide	Natural Graphite
	Lime	Niobium Tantalum Ore
	Spent Refinery Catalysts	Quartz
	Power Plant Residues	Wood
		Coal

AMG Company Structure			
Comparato	Business Units		
Corporate —	AMG Lithium	AMG Vanadium	AMG Technologies
Headquarter offices (Netherlands and United States)	AMG Brazil (Brazil)	AMG Chrome (United States, United Kingdom)	AMG Engineering (United States, France, Germany, India, Mexico, Japan, China)
Sales & customer service offices (China, Brazil, United States, Russia, Japan)	AMG Lithium (Germany)	AMG Vanadium (United States)	AMG LIVA (Germany)
		AMG Titanium (Germany, United States)	AMG Antimony (France)
		AMG Aluminum (United States, Brazil, United Kingdom, China)	AMG Graphite (Germany, Mozambique, China, Sri Lanka)
			AMG Silicon (Germany)

AMG Products		
AMG Lithium	AMG Vanadium	AMG Technologies
Lithium	Aluminum Master Alloys and Powders	Vacuum Furnaces
Niobium	Ferrovanadium	LIVA Batteries
Tantalum	Chrome Metal	Processed Natural Graphite
Feldspar	Titanium Alloys	Antimony Oxide
		Silicon Metal

End Markets
Energy
Transportation
Infrastructure
Specialty Metals and Chemicals

Our value chain encompasses the entire lifecycle of certain critical materials, from sourcing raw materials to delivering high-quality products to our customers. Below we detail our approach to inputs and outputs within our value chain.

#### Value creation

Our value chain encompasses the entire lifecycle of certain critical materials, from sourcing raw materials to delivering highquality products to our customers.

We source raw materials from suppliers who adhere to the Principles outlined in our Supplier Code of Conduct. Investments in renewable energy projects and energy-efficient technologies reduce our carbon footprint and secure a sustainable energy supply. Water is sourced and utilized with conservation practices in place, including recycling and treatment systems. Our workforce is our most important asset, and we invest in their development through continuous training and a safe working environment. We engage with local communities to create job opportunities and contribute to economic development. Our environmental initiatives aim to preserve ecosystems for future generations. (ESRS 2 SBM1, 42(a), 42(b))

#### SBM-2 — Interests and views of stakeholders

We aligned our <u>Stakeholder Engagement Policy</u>, which is available on our website, with the Dutch Corporate Governance Code 2022. Our policy details the process we employ to consider the views of our stakeholders, and these views help to shape our strategic decision-making. This Policy provides a framework for identifying key stakeholders and engaging with them to enhance communication, collaboration, and mutual understanding. We seek and are open to feedback on the topics that matter to our stakeholders, particularly sustainability aspects of AMG's strategy. This helps us to understand, address, and manage the expectations of relevant stakeholder groups regarding our business interests. (ESRS 2 SBM2, 45 (a)iv)

AMG's key stakeholders are listed below. (ESRS 2 SBM2, 45 (a)i)

- · Shareholders / Investors
- Customers
- Employees
- Business partners
- Local communities
- Nature
- · Authorities and governments

AMG engages through day-to-day interaction and regular feedback sessions with customers on its products and services; employee works council meetings and other dialogue with colleagues; meetings with shareholders, bondholders and industry analysts; communications with regulatory bodies, government agencies and other organizations (including non-governmental organizations (NGOs), trade unions and industry associations); surveys; roundtables with policymakers, academics and peers. (ESRS 2 SBM2, 45 (a)ii)

Our stakeholder engagement process (ESRS 2 SBM2, 45 (a)iii) consists of first identifying stakeholders and then classifying them into categories (with some stakeholders possibly belonging to both groups):

- Affected stakeholders: individuals or groups whose interests are affected or could be affected by AMG's activities and business relationships across the value chain.
- Users of sustainability statements: individuals or groups who can affect AMG and/or are a primary user of its sustainability statements.

To prioritize stakeholders, AMG applied a semi-quantitative ranking to determine:

- The extent to which the stakeholder (group) is or could be affected by AMG; and
- The extent to which the stakeholder (group) affects or could affect AMG.

Internally, we continue to prioritize inclusive decision-making where the views of all internal stakeholders are considered. Our employees, management, and board members are integral to our success and their contributions are valued at every level of our organization. By fostering a culture of open communication and collaboration we aim to ensure that all voices within AMG are heard and that our decisions reflect the collective wisdom of our entire team. (ESRS 2 SBM2, 45 (a)v)

For the materiality assessment process, AMG conducts limited direct engagement. AMG uses internal representatives as proxies to represent external stakeholders to simulate the viewpoints of those stakeholders to understand their needs, interests and expectations and using this information to inform engagement strategies. This analysis feeds our double materiality assessment which in turn drives further evaluation and action by AMG. (ESRS 2 SBM2, 45(b)) AMG conducts regular assessments to understand the needs, interests and expectations of our stakeholders, using this information to inform engagement strategies and review results in relation to AMG's strategy. (ESRS 2 SBM2, 45(c))

AMG ensures that significant insights and feedback received from key stakeholders by various functions and business units are shared with our administrative, management, and supervisory bodies. This information is considered among other reasoning in our decision-making processes and helps shape our sustainability strategies and initiatives. (ESRS 2 SBM2, 45(d))

In the double materiality assessment, in particular focusing on (potential) positive or negative impacts that may relate to AMG's business or business model, the interests, views, and rights of people in its own workforce and rights of AMG's value chain workers, including respect for their human rights, as well as rights of affected communities, including respect for their human rights (and their rights as indigenous peoples, where applicable), were an important element considered based on internal stakeholder engagement for both impact and financial materiality. (ESRS \$1.ESRS 2 SBM-2, 12, AR 4, AR 5), (ESRS \$2.ESRS 2 SBM-2, 7, AR 3)

#### SMB-3 — Material impacts, risks and opportunities and their interaction with strategy and business model

AMG assessed the impacts, risks, and opportunities (IROs) upon environmental, social, and governance matters and how these interact with our strategy and business model. The assessment is based on internal stakeholder engagement for both impact and financial materiality. The result of the assessment provides an overview of material IRO's throughout the value chain. Our process to identify and assess material IROs for ESG related topics is aligned to the requirements of CSRD.

By disclosing these material IROs across ESG topics we aim to provide a comprehensive understanding of our sustainability efforts and their alignment with our strategy and business model. We remain dedicated to addressing these challenges and seizing opportunities to create a positive impact on the environment and society. (ESRS 2 SBM3, 46)

The resulting material topics and the associated IROs are listed in <u>Table SBM-3</u>. We identified material IROs relating to one entity-specific sustainability matter, namely "local employment opportunities". (ESRS 2 SBM3, 48(h))

AMG has assessed its material risks and opportunities and their current financial effects on its financial position, financial performance, and cash flows. It has been determined that as of year-end the current financial effects of our material risks and opportunities on the financial position, financial performance, and cash flows are not material. Furthermore, we have not identified material risk and opportunities for which there is a significant risk of a material adjustment within the next annual reporting period to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities reported in the related financial statements. (ESRS 2 SBM3, 48(d))

We are conscious of our role as a corporate citizen and actively work towards contributing positively to the local economy and society. We are dedicated to upholding the highest standards of corporate governance, including the protection of whistleblowers and adherence to legal and regulatory requirements. Our strategic commitment to ethical business practices is fundamental to maintaining the trust and confidence of our stakeholders. (ESRS 2 SBM3, 48(c)ii) In response to these impacts, risks, and opportunities, we are making strategic adjustments to our business model and operations. This includes setting targets for reducing GHG emissions, investing in sustainable technologies, and strengthening our supply chain oversight.

Our policies outline our governance frameworks ensuring that we not only comply with regulatory requirements. Our sustainability strategy is continuously evolving to reflect the changing landscape and stakeholder expectations. We are committed to regular reporting and engagement with our stakeholders to ensure that our actions align with our shared values and contribute to a sustainable future for all. (ESRS 2 SBM3, 48(b))

For the conducted resilience analysis in relation to climate change, reference is made to <u>E1 IRO-1</u>. With respect to other material topics, we believe that the resilience of our strategy and business model to address our currently identified material impacts and risks and opportunities, will be strengthened through our currently implemented actions and those envisaged for the future. We are committed to continuing and enhancing this resilience assessment in the following years. This process is based on a comprehensive evaluation of how our business strategy can withstand and adapt to various challenges and changes in the external environment, including economic, environmental, and social factors. Our aim is to integrate this analysis into our strategic decision-making process, ensuring that we can anticipate and respond to potential risks and leverage opportunities effectively. (ESRS 2 SBM3, 48 (f))

Changes to the material impacts, risks, and opportunities compared to the previous reporting period

As defined in ESRS 1, disclosure requirement 136, AMG is invoking its relief from making comparative statements as this is the company's first CSRD report. (ESRS 2 SBM3, 48(g))

## Table SBM-3 Material impacts, risk and opportunities

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Material topic	Impact type	Material impact, risk or opportunity (ESRS 2 SBM3, 48(c)i-(d))	Location (ESRS 2 SBM3,48(a), (c)iv,(d))	Time horizon of impact (ESRS 2 SBM3, 48(c)iii)
Environment				
Climate change – mitigation	Actual	Negative impact on environment and global warming through scope $1-2$ GHG-emissions.	Own operations	Long term
		Negative impact on environment and global warming through scope 3 GHG-emissions.	Across the value chain	Long term
Climate change – energy	Actual	Positive impact on the environment by reducing GHG emissions due to a shift to renewable energy and developing energy storage solutions and materials that enable further $\rm CO_2$ reduction by end users.	Across the value chain	Mid term
		Opportunity, as global energy demand increases, of a higher demand for AMG's materials and technologies that improve energy efficiency and increase energy supply.	Across the value chain	Mid term
Social				
Own workforce				
Health and safety	Actual	Negative impact on own workers and their physical health and safety from unsafe situations that can result in injury or work-related illness.	Own operations	Short term
Collective bargaining & freedom of association	Potential	Negative impact on own workers through working conditions, which do not have possibilities for collective bargaining opportunities, do not provide adequate opportunities for freedom of association and consultation and access to work councils.	Own operations	Short and mid term
Adequate wage	Actual	Positive impact on employees through working conditions which have employment terms that provide adequate wages.	Own operations	Short, mid and long term
Diversity	Actual	Positive impact on employees by providing a diverse and inclusive workplace fostering a working environment which enables all employees from all backgrounds.	Own operations	Short and mid term
Training and skills development	Actual	Positive impact on employees by providing facilitating continuous professional growth, upgrading employees' skills by offering training, mentorship, and other skills development-related activities.	Own operations	Short and mid term
Workers in the va	lue chain			
Health and safety	Potential	Negative impact on workers in the supply chain and their physical health and safety from unsafe situations that can result in injury or work-related illness.	Upstream	Short term
Forced labor	Potential	Negative impact on workers in the supply chain through exposure of workers in location where there are circumstances of forced labor.	Upstream	Short and mid term
		The risk that forced labor takes place in the supply chain	Upstream	Short term
Diversity	Potential	Negative impact on workers in the supply chain related to the lack of equal treatment and opportunities for all.	Upstream	Short and mid term
Adequate wages	Potential	Negative impact on workers in the supply chain through working conditions which have a lack of employment terms that provide adequate wages.	Upstream	Short, mid and long term
Collective bargaining & freedom of association	Potential	Negative impact on workers in the supply chain through employment terms that have a lack of opportunities for workers to engage in collective bargaining and social dialogue as well as freedom of association.	Upstream	Short and mid term
Affected commun	ities			
Local employment opportunities <sup>1</sup>	Actual	Positive impact on local economy by way of providing local employment opportunities and thereby supporting the living conditions.	Own operations	Short, mid and long term
		Opportunities in talent attraction and retention which may lead to business growth by having a locally engaged workforce.	Own operations	Mid term
Governance				
Corporate culture	Actual	Positive impact society, employees, customers, shareholders, and suppliers through behaviors that support transparent and sustainable business practices to the benefit of all stakeholders.	Own operations	Long term
Protection of whistleblowers	Actual	Negative impact on employees, customers, suppliers, investors through non-compliance with whistleblower protection guidelines	Own operations	Long term
Corruption & bribery	Potential		Own operations	Mid term

<sup>1)</sup> We identified material IROs relating to one entity-specific sustainability matter. (ESRS 2 SBM3, 48(i))

#### Governance

#### GOV-1 — Role of administrative, management and supervisory bodies

**Combined Management Report** 

The composition of the management and supervisory boards, including roles and responsibilities and their access to expertise and skills regarding sustainability matters, is described in the Corporate Governance and the Report of the Supervisory Board sections of the Annual Report. The oversight of impacts, risks and opportunities by the Management and Supervisory Boards is also included in these sections. For the purpose of this sustainability statement, AMG's Administrative Bodies are the Supervisory Board and Management Board of AMG Critical Materials N.V. as well as the administrative bodies mentioned in the next section. (ESRS 2 GOV1, 20-23)

#### GOV-2 — Information provided to and sustainability matters addressed by the administrative, management and supervisory bodies

The Management Board is responsible for incorporating sustainability matters into the company strategy and monitoring the performance of the business. Given our focus on sustainability, our CEO has overall ownership. Sustainability is monitored at the Supervisory Board through the safety, sustainability, and science ("3S") committee. The 3S committee is informed on sustainability on a quarterly basis by the Senior Vice President of Environmental, Health, Safety, and Sustainability. Separately, the Supervisory Board is informed of sustainability-related matters on a quarterly basis by the 3S Committee Chairperson as a function of its Supervisory Board meetings. (ESRS 2 GOV2, 26(a)). See Figure GOV-2 for more information about AMG's ESG Corporate Governance structure.

AMG's Supervisory Board and Management Board consider material sustainability matters when defining and implementing the Company's strategic objectives. When overseeing decisions on major transactions and AMG's risk management process, the Supervisory and Management Boards consider sustainability matters through the biweekly Management Board meetings and the quarterly 3S Committee function as it relates to the overall Supervisory Board process. This process is designed to enable the Management and Supervisory Boards to consider sustainability-related impacts, risks, and opportunities when overseeing AMG's strategy, its decisions on major transactions, and its risk management process including the consideration of trade-offs associated with those impacts, risks, and opportunities in a structured corporate governance framework. (ESRS 2 GOV2, 26(b))

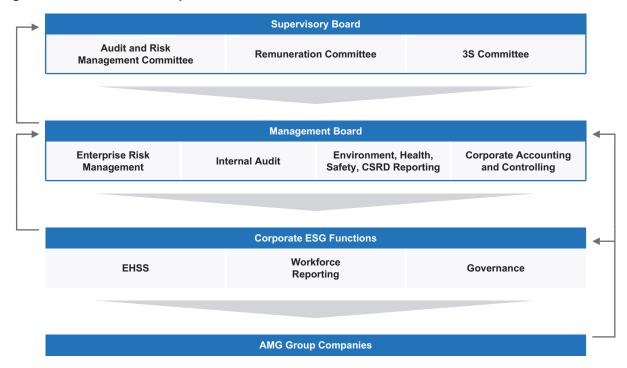
The Corporate Environmental, Health, Safety and Sustainability (EHSS) team is responsible for the general and overall sustainability reporting process. Per sustainability field, AMG has a clear division of work for reporting, data collection, analysis, and disclosure development for internal reporting and review processes. (ESRS 2 GOV2, 26(b))

The administrative bodies, i.e. the Corporate ESG Functions that prepare and maintain the Sustainability Statement in line with the CSRD report are the:

- Corporate EHSS team for all environmental, health, and safety issues;
- Workforce Reporting team for all social issues, except health and safety, and;
- · Chief Compliance Officer and the Corporate Secretary for all corporate governance issues.

During the 2024 reporting period, the Management and Supervisory Boards were apprised of the DMA IROs as shown in Table SBM-3. The Boards regularly discuss AMG's strategic opportunities related to climate change transition and will continue to align more closely with the CSRD and our material topics. (ESRS 2 GOV2, 26(c))

Figure GOV-2 — AMG's ESG Corporate Governance Structure



Note: This overview reflects the main components of AMG's ESG Corporate Governance Structure.

#### GOV-3 — Integration of sustainability-related performance in incentive schemes

Goals related to ESG aspects are included in the annual bonus targets for the Management Board. A detailed breakdown of the targets, including 2024 performance data, is found in the <u>Remuneration Report</u> section of the Annual Report. There is no CSRD aligned sustainability-related performance incentive scheme in place for the Supervisory Board as these board members do not receive variable pay. (ESRS 2 GOV3, 29, AR 7), (ESRS E1 GOV3, 13)

#### GOV-4 — Statement on Due Diligence

Table GOV-4 outlines the current due diligence processes, which are undergoing continuous development.

Table GOV-4 — Mapping of due diligence information

Core elements of due diligence	Paragraphs in the Sustainability Statement
Embedding due diligence in governance, strategy and business model	General information: GOV-2; GOV-3; SBM-3.
Engaging with affected stakeholders	General information: GOV-2; SBM-2; IRO-1; Table MDR-P. Topical chapters: Reflecting different stages and purposes of stakeholder engagement throughout the due diligence process
Identifying and assessing negative impacts on people and the environment	General information: IRO-1; SBM-3
Taking action to address negative impacts on people and the environment	Topical paragraphs reflecting the actions through which impacts are addressed
Tracking the effectiveness of these efforts	Topical paragraphs regarding metrics and targets

#### GOV-5 — Risk management and internal controls over sustainability reporting

AMG's risk management and internal control system related to sustainability reporting largely mirrors that of the overall AMG risk management process which is detailed in the Risk Management & Internal Controls section of the Annual Report. The risk management program applies the Precautionary Principle to determine when threats of serious or irreversible damage exist due to our current or future operations, and without delay, requires the implementation of cost-effective measures to prevent environmental degradation. (ESRS 2 GOV5, 35, 36 (a-c))

Internal controls specific to sustainability reporting depend on the topic and the function providing the key performance indicators ("KPI"). The CSRD KPIs are consolidated by the Corporate EHSS and Workforce Reporting functions. Internal controls governing sustainability reporting are specific to the topic and the function providing the metrics. For the data collection in particular, decentralized processes are controlled locally across the various business units. Overall responsibility for the sustainability reporting processes lies with Corporate EHSS. AMG's process of data collection, local review, submission to Corporate, and reviews and plausibility checks at Corporate are part of the internal control system. The scope of the risk management and internal control system covers both the CSRD General Disclosure and the topical disclosures. (ESRS 2 GOV5, 35, 36 (a), 36 (b))

The main risks identified regarding CSRD reporting include data completeness, accuracy, and timing of information availability. Currently, AMG is working diligently to close the risk gap. To ensure data completeness, AMG has engaged third-party experts to evaluate data readiness and ensure accuracy before the data is included in a CSRD disclosure. Further to that point, the data is continuously evaluated by AMG's internal control system. Where the risk of data inaccuracy exists, AMG is not making disclosures until those risks are mitigated. We report the findings of our risk assessments and internal controls to the Supervisory Board's the Audit & Risk Management Committee, as well as the 3S Committee on selected topics on a regular basis and when relevant as part of the reporting on the CSRD preparation process. Once a year, the full Supervisory Board reviews AMG's risk management approach and system and internal control framework. (ESRS 2 GOV5, 36 (c), 36 (d), 36 (e))

A proactive approach to identifying and mitigating risks allows us to focus on developing innovative and sustainable solutions for our customers. At AMG we will continue to maintain an effective risk management process, including quarterly risk reporting and day-to-day communication regarding risk. Our executive leadership will maintain our reporting process and open, active dialogue with business unit leadership. We all work to anticipate known and unknown risks. AMG enters longer-term contracts with its suppliers when practical and diversifies its supplier base when alternative suppliers are available. The Company also mitigates risk by monitoring supplier performance and holding our suppliers accountable to comply with AMG's Supplier Conduct Charter. AMG engages with all new suppliers and audits our current suppliers throughout our relationship to ensure compliance. (ESRS 2 GOV5, 36 (c))

We are confident in our risk assessment process because of how we have integrated risk management process into our daily management practices and communication, and how we proactively address risk through mitigation actions. Throughout the organization AMG has implemented critical planning processes such as emergency preparedness (i.e., flood and earthquake response plans where applicable), crisis management, business continuity to help ensure resilience and the ability to recover quickly from unexpected events. These plans involve the identification of the risks, tools, and resources to mitigate the impact and the responsible personnel to successfully implement the response. Using internal and external resources, employees are trained on their responsibilities and participate in exercises to ensure readiness. The practice improves our production rates and helps avoid long downtimes.

# Impact, risk and opportunity management

# IRO-1 — Description of the process to identify and assess material impacts, risks and opportunities

AMG's materiality assessment process identified and prioritized the material impacts, risks and opportunities as well as the relevant information to be disclosed. The materiality assessment followed a structured process and included the steps and objective described in Table IRO-1. (ESRS 2 IRO1, 53)

# Table IRO-1 IRO assessment process

Step	Objective
<b>Defining the context</b> (ESRS 2 IRO1, 53(b)i) — This included gathering comprehensive data on sectors of activity, geographical areas of operation, and the number of employees. Documenting the value chain details, which cover both upstream (suppliers) and downstream (customers) elements, was crucial. Furthermore, outlining AMG's market position and strategic elements related to sustainability, such as products and services offered and any materials under potential bans/ sanctions, formed a key part of this step.	Establish a foundation for understanding AMG's scope of influence.
Identify and classify stakeholders (ESRS 2 IRO1, 53(b)iii) — Engaging with stakeholders is a critical aspect of AMG's materiality process. Stakeholders, including employees, customers, suppliers, investors, and community members, were identified, and classified based on their impact and influence on AMG. As a next step, internal representatives for each stakeholder group were selected. This engagement helped in understanding their perspectives and integrating their concerns into the materiality assessment.	Ensure that the double materiality assessment is comprehensive and representative of AMG's internal and external stakeholder views and interests
<b>Developing a long list</b> of sustainability matters (ESRS 2 IRO1, 53(b)ii, 53(g)) — AMG identified potential material issues from various sources, including industry standards, regulatory requirements, and internal stakeholder feedback. These topics were compiled into a comprehensive long list that encompasses sectoragnostic sustainability matters covered in topical ESRS, sector-specific ESRS matters, and entity-specific sustainability matters from internal documentation and external sources.	Understand which sustainability matters could potentially be material, and structure and cluster sustainability matters.
<b>Determine focus areas</b> across the value chain for each sustainability cluster, sub-topic and/or sub-sub-topic. — The long list of sustainability matters was structured into clusters to facilitate a more organized assessment process. This involved clustering related sub-topics and sub-sub-topics to create sustainability clusters.	Assess the relevance of sustainability clusters, sub-topics and/or sub-sub-topics
<b>Draft a short list</b> of topics and map the value chain — The structured list was further refined to draft a short list of the most relevant sustainability matters. Each matter was mapped across the value chain, considering where impacts, risks, and opportunities were likely to arise based on the nature of activities, business relationships, geographies, and other risk factors. This mapping supports disclosure requirements beyond those for materiality assessment.	Distill the broader set of sustainability matters into a concise list and determine focus areas across the value chain for each sustainability cluster
<b>Define impacts, risks and opportunities</b> , timeline for the occurrence (short, medium, long term). — For each identified sustainability matter, AMG conducted a thorough assessment to define the impacts (both positive and negative), risks, and opportunities. This assessment included analyzing the potential impacts on the company and its stakeholders.	Define and list the impacts, risks, and opportunities for each sustainability matter

#### Table IRO-1 IRO assessment process

Step	Objective
Assess the parameters of impact materiality for each identified impact. — AMG assessed the parameters of impact materiality for each identified impact. This involved evaluating the scale, scope, irremediably (for negative impacts), and likelihood (for potential impacts) to calculate materiality scores. (ESRS 2 IRO1, 53(b)iv)	Determine the materiality score of all impacts on the list
Assess the parameters of financial materiality for each risk and opportunity. — AMG evaluated the financial materiality of identified risks and opportunities by assessing their magnitude and likelihood. This involves calculating financial materiality scores based on the effect on resources /relationships and likelihood. (ESRS 2 IRO1, 53(c)i, 53(c)ii)	Determine a materiality score for all risk and opportunities on the list
Rank and categorize impacts, risks and opportunities. — AMG created a ranked lists of impacts, risks, and opportunities based on their materiality scores. Thresholds were set to categorize each issue as material or non-material.	Determine which impacts, risks, and opportunities meet the materiality threshold.

During our most recent yearly risk evaluation, we took into account the results for our double materiality assessment (DMA). However, this initial assessment was carried out separately from our primary risk management framework. Currently, our risk management procedures do not include an analysis of sustainability IROs as prescribed by the European Sustainability Reporting Standards (ESRS).

Integrating the double materiality perspective into our risk management practices is essential for a comprehensive understanding of sustainability challenges. As we progress, our goal is to adapt our risk management system to incorporate sustainability issues, aligning with the detailed requirements set forth by ESRS. This evolution will ensure that our approach to risk management is both robust and reflective of our commitment to sustainability. (ESRS 2 IRO1, 53(c)iii, 53(d), 53(e), 53(f))

AMG engaged various stakeholder groups, across multiple business units and with differing levels of involvement to provide key input and oversight into the overall double materiality assessment approach and execution. A Steering Committee was formed to approve the assessment approach, including value chain considerations, stakeholder engagement plan, initial listing of the impacts, risks and opportunities, including scoring, rationale and proposed approach for threshold setting. (ESRS 2 IRO1, 53(d))

For business conduct, the relevant criteria to assess impacts, risks and opportunity included the review of the location and level of (market) concentration of AMG's business partners and customers, and the actual business activity and type of transactions of the various business units of AMG, such as product manufacturing, service delivery, and sales and the use of sales agents and partners. For example, some regions where AMG's operations are located are known to have higher risk of exposure to corruption than others, or certain industries in which AMG is active only feature very few customers or suppliers and may be subject to higher risk of collusion. The nature and structure of business transactions are thus analyzed for their potential exposure to business conduct issues with focus on anti-bribery and anti-corruption, anti-trust (risk of undue market dominance or collusion). In this context we also consider factors like corporate governance on group and unit level, transaction complexity, involved stakeholders, and the potential compliance risks associated with the company's operations. (ESRS 2 G1 IRO1 6)

ESRS 2, Appendix C sets forth certain compulsory disclosure requirements from IRO-1 to related ESRS paragraphs. AMG discloses those compulsory statements where we have identified topical materiality at the topical disclosure (i.e. ESRS E1). Where AMG has compulsory disclosure requirements related to non-material topics (i.e. ESRS E2, E3, E4, and E5) such statements are made here.

#### **ESRS E2 Pollution**

AMG conducted a preliminary screening of our direct operations, material upstream suppliers, and top ten customers to identify potential pollution-related impacts, risks, and opportunities.

For our direct operations, it was determined that nine sites have regulated air emissions such as carbon monoxide, nitrogen oxide, sulfur oxide, and particulate matter. All these sites comply with the regulatory permitted emissions levels across the five countries where they are located and implement industry best practices to minimize the impact of these emissions. For example, AMG Vanadium utilizes government regulated air emission control systems to remove contaminants and reduce environmental impacts from our FEROVAN® manufacturing processes. In 2024, there were no exceedances beyond our regulatory permitted emissions levels.

As for water pollution, there are twelve sites that have permitted wastewater discharges. Where required, AMG sites conduct regular monitoring of wastewater discharges which include: chemical and physical analyses of the effluents to determine the primary characteristics of the water discharges; and a record of the volumes of aqueous effluents to local water sources. Results are reported as required in compliance with local regulations. In 2024, there were no wastewater discharge impacts on local communities or material spills at any AMG site.

Similarly to water and air pollution, AMG complies with all local regulations and implements the necessary management systems to reduce the risk of soil pollution and exposure to substances of concern. AMG implements measures for the management and disposal of hazardous substances to reduce health-related risks and potential impacts on the surrounding environment. For example, sites with underground storage tanks are installed with leak detection systems, above ground storage tanks are installed in containment to capture spills, and chemical storage is maintained in systems designed for the materials and volumes being stored. AMG has determined that pollution from microplastics poses a limited risk given the nature of our operations. (ESRS E2 IRO1, 11(a))

AMG conducted a desktop assessment, using publicly available information, for our material suppliers and downstream customers. The assessment included reviewing public disclosures such as sustainability reports, policies, and environmental certification; and, utilizing the Environmental Performance Index 2024 (EPI) to determine the country rank/score and the regional rank/score for each of the supplier and customer's locations. The EPI rank considers 58 indicators including air quality, air pollution, heavy metals, and wastewater generated. The objective of the desk research was to gain insight and evaluate the environmental performance of suppliers and customers and flag those with the 'potential for on-going monitoring'. The prioritization process was qualitative in nature and consisted of reviewing if a supplier or customer operates in a country with a combined EPI ranking outside of the top 100; determining the level of public environmental disclosure available; and finally, evaluating the significance of the relationship between AMG and the supplier or customer.

Furthermore, suppliers identified with the potential for ongoing monitoring were mapped against several potential and actual impacts to determine if each was observed or identified. This impact mapping included pollution and was based on the desk research described above. For all the prioritized supplier, each impact was given a score of none, low, or medium, or high.

Following our desk research, we determined that seventeen suppliers and two customers have been identified for potential ongoing monitoring of environmental performance. The need for further monitoring is based on, primarily, the countries in which the suppliers or customers operate and their overall EPI score. The impact mapping indicated generally low pollution-related risks and impacts based on the defined criteria. (ESRS E2 IRO1, 11(a))

In terms of potential pollution-related transitional risks, more stringent regulations for air emissions, wastewater discharge or solid waste, may negatively impact AMG's operations. Also, there is a risk that international and governmental policies and regulations may restrict AMG's access to key materials or may limit its ability to operate with respect to certain countries. (ESRS E2 IRO1, 11(a))

The results of further assessments of pollution related impacts, across the AMG value chain, including consultation with communities will be included in future sustainability statements. (ESRS E2 IRO1, 11(b))

#### **ESRS E3 Water and Marine Resources**

AMG conducted an assessment to identify actual and potential water and marine resources-related impacts, risks, and opportunities for direct operations and material upstream suppliers. (ESRS E3 IRO1, 8(a))

For direct operations, our assessment approach consisted of two phases. The first consisted of desk research to understand how our direct operations interact with water and marine resources. The second consisted of completing an operational-related risk assessment using the World Wildlife Foundation Water Risk Filter (WWF WRF).

Our desk research entailed assessing our direct operations' sector-based, basin-related risk exposure using the WWF WRF tool. This tool considers forty-two indicators of which several align with the criteria defined in the Water Framework Directive including water quality, water scarcity, pollution, and fragmentation status of rivers. The desk research also included understanding our direct operations' interface with water and marine resources, and specifically protected areas and Key Biodiversity Areas (KBAs) that are inclusive of water and marine resources, using the IUCN Global Ecosystem Typology and the Integrated Biodiversity Assessment Tool (IBAT).

Following our desk research, we determined that twelve of our direct operations are located in areas with medium basin-related risk and one site is located in an area with high basin-related risk. In addition, we determined that thirteen of our sites are located either inside or in proximity to protected areas and/or KBAs inclusive of water and/or marine resources. We considered these insights alongside our direct operations' water withdrawal and discharge metrics. Examining all these factors together, we prioritized eleven sites to undergo an operational-related risk assessment using the WWF WRF tool. The site with high basin-related risk was not prioritized given that it is a warehouse with limited water use.

The operational-related risk assessment revealed that none of our prioritized sites are located in areas with both high basin-related and high operational-related risk scores. Although five of our prioritized sites are in an area with medium basin-related risk, this risk is generally mitigated by a low operational risk score. Finally, two of our prioritized sites have medium operational risk scores, but only one of these is also located in an area with medium overall basin-related risk. (ESRS E3 IRO1, 8(a))

For our material upstream suppliers, our assessment approach only consisted of desk research to understand how our material upstream suppliers interact with water and marine resources. Our desk research entailed assessing our material upstream suppliers' sector-based, basin-related risk exposure using the WWF WRF tool, and understanding their interface with protected areas and KBAs that are inclusive of water resources using IBAT.

Following our desk research, we determined that thirteen of our suppliers are located in areas with high or very high overall basin-related risk. Of these thirteen suppliers, seven are located either inside or in proximity to protected areas or KBAs inclusive of water and marine resources. However, this desk research did not include an operational risk assessment which considers the actual water use and water management practices. Therefore, although preliminary results enable us to understand the water-related characteristics of our supplier's locations, it was determined that the water and marine resources does not qualify as a material topic. (ESRS E3 IRO1, 8(a))

Further assessment of water and marine related impacts including assessment of AMG's downstream value chain and consultation with communities will be included in future sustainability statements. (ESRS E3 IRO1, 8(a-b))

## **ESRS E4 Biodiversity**

AMG is committed to understanding its nature-related risks and opportunities. We have started by assessing if our sites are in biodiversity-sensitive locations and mapping our nature-related impacts and dependencies. We plan to conduct a scenario analysis in the future to assess our exposure to physical and transition nature-related risks. (ESRS E4 IRO1, 18)

To continue with AMG's understanding of biodiversity-related impacts, risks, dependencies, and opportunities, we conducted an assessment to identify the potential impacts and dependencies on biodiversity related to our material upstream suppliers. Our approach consisted of two different analyses: identification of the main sector specific impacts and dependencies using the Exploring Natural Capital Opportunities, Risks and Exposure (ENCORE) tool; and desk research to assess the current state of nature surrounding each supplier.

Our sector analysis showed that the main dependencies are related to the following ecosystem services: ground and surface water, water flow maintenance, climate regulation, and mass stabilization and erosion control. The main impact drivers are water use, terrestrial ecosystems use, GHG and non-GHG emissions, water and soil pollutants, and solid waste. The desk research revealed that seven suppliers are located within biodiversity-sensitive areas and that another three suppliers are in areas with high biodiversity intactness levels and high-water stress levels. Given these external factors, it is important to be aware that the current state of nature could potentially increase a supplier's dependency on natural resources and potential impact on nature.

As a next step, further analysis of the supplier's specific production process could be considered to assess the actual impacts and dependencies on biodiversity and ecosystems. (ESRS E4 IRO1, 17(a-b))

As part of AMG's environmental strategy, we conducted an assessment to determine if our thirty-nine sites are inside or in proximity to biodiversity-sensitive areas. Our approach consisted of two different analyses: identification of biodiversity-sensitive areas at a 5 km radius using IBAT; and desk research to assess each sites potential biodiversity impact on the identified biodiversity-sensitive areas. (ESRS E4 IRO1, 17(a-b))

Our analysis revealed that four sites are located inside, and eleven sites are located within 5 km of a biodiversity-sensitive area, specifically a protected area and/or KBAs. Of these 15 sites, it was determined that none of the sites have a high-risk potential of impacting the surrounding biodiversity-sensitive area, and they are not in need of mitigating measures. (ESRS E4 IRO1, 19)

Further assessment of biodiversity related impacts in the downstream value chain and biodiversity related physical, transition, and systemic risk including consultation with affected communities will be included in future sustainability statements. (ESRS E4 17(a-e))

# **ESRS E5 Resource Use and Circular Economy**

In 2024, AMG began evaluating the circular performance of its business units by leveraging the guidance of the Circular Transition Indicators ("CTI") framework. This analysis included identifying the resource inflows and outflows related to materials for each business unit; and then, calculating the circularity of resource inflows and outflows and overall circular performance. This evaluation is ongoing. Preliminary results indicate that impacts, risks, and opportunities associated with AMG's operational resource inflows, outflows, and waste are limited, and therefore Resource Use and Circular Economy does not qualify as a material topic as outlined by ESRS E5 disclosure requirements. (ESRS E5 IRO1, 11(a))

Nonetheless, AMG considers how Resource Use and Circular Economy interacts with other material topics for AMG such as Climate Change and Affected Communities. Given this, AMG strives to manufacture products and technologies that align with the principles of the circular economy. We invest in advanced metallurgical processes that optimize resource efficiency, enable waste recovery, and transition away from raw materials when possible.

AMG encourages our global operations to adhere to sustainably sourcing and using secondary (recycled) and/or renewable resources where possible and practicable. AMG's Environmental Policy outlines our commitment with circularity by establishing a consistent approach for planning, implementing, measuring, and monitoring our strategies. The following describes how circularity is present in one of our business units.

AMG Vanadium specializes in the environmentally beneficial recycling of oil refinery spent catalyst and vanadium bearing power plant residues and ashes and is widely acclaimed as the environmental leader in this global industry. Through our proprietary roasting and melting process, AMG Vanadium converts over 99% of these waste materials into specialty metals. AMG Vanadium's primary products are FEROVAN®, a ferrovanadium alloy used to strengthen steel, and FeNiMoly®, an additive used in carbon and stainless-steel production. Given this, AMG can reduce the potential impact of its inflows and contribute to resource efficiency, through its products, in the downstream value chain. We have assessed that this is not a material topic in our DMA, since also non-waste materials need to be put into this production process.

When engaging upstream suppliers, AMG adheres to strict responsible sourcing standards to ensure that raw materials are procured in a sustainable and ethical manner. This includes compliance with international regulations such as the Dodd-Frank Act and the EU Conflict Minerals Regulation, which require transparency and due diligence in the supply chain. (ESRS E5 IRO1, 11(a))

When managing our waste outflows, AMG complies with all local regulations and implements the necessary management systems to reduce the potential resource use related impacts and risks from its own operations. AMG's business units deploy comprehensive waste management programs built on the foundations of efficient use of raw materials, increasing reuse, recycling, and minimizing landfill disposal. (ESRS E5 IRO1, 11(a))

While AMG has numerous examples of circularity, we do not present our entire business as fully circular. To provide a balanced perspective on our resource use and circular economy narrative, we acknowledge that certain areas, particularly our mining activities, most notably spodumene mining at our Mibra mine in Brazil, are inherently non-circular. Spodumene is a virgin, non-renewable raw material that is converted down the value chain into lithium for use in batteries. Currently the market for recycled materials is too small to support global lithium demand. In addition, while AMG leverages circularity principles when creating business processes, such as recycling refinery spent catalysts in AMG Vanadium, these processes will not undergo material changes in the near and medium future, limiting opportunities to increase overall circularity and set related actions, metrics, and targets. (ESRS E5 IRO1, 11(a))

AMG will continue to assess resource use and circular economy-related impacts, risks, and opportunities, including further analysis of AMG's upstream and downstream value chain and consultation with communities. As we further refine our double materiality assessment, we will take into account the developments in the global lithium market and consider whether this may lead to the identification of an IRO for resource inflows, in which case we also will consider which circularity metrics to develop and disclose in this respect. (ESRS E5 IRO1, 11(a)(b))

## IRO-2 — Disclosure Requirements in ESRS covered by the undertaking's sustainability statement

AMG is committed to maintaining high reporting standards, ensuring our sustainability statements are comprehensive, transparent, and fully compliant with ESRS disclosure requirements. The <u>Content Index</u> outlines AMG's reporting requirements in line with the ESRS framework and materiality. <u>Table IRO-2 EU legislation datapoint reference table</u> in the annex provides guidance on specific KPIs within our sustainability statements and their links to other EU sustainability legislation. (ESRS 2 IRO-2, 56)

## **Minimum Disclosure Requirements**

#### **Policies**

Table MDR-P provides an overview of AMG's sustainability-related policy framework. For all AMG policies, the Management Board is fully accountable, with no exclusions based on business activity or geography. However, where local laws impose stricter regulations, those will take precedence. All policies are accessible on the AMG website, and awareness is raised during onboarding and through Code of Conduct training (see G1-1). Each policy includes a section on AMG's "Speak Up" procedure (see G1-1) for reporting concerns.

#### **Actions**

For our actions disclosed, they relate to the current financial year and do not require any significant CapEx or OpEx expenditure, unless mentioned otherwise. In case we do not have any targets set in relation to a material topic for which we disclose policies or actions, we do not have any explicitly defined level of ambition to be achieved. We also do not specifically track the effectiveness of our policies and actions in relation thereto, other than through periodic analysis of our related metrics (if any), and through obtaining input from internal stakeholders via our regular channels.

# **Targets**

The targets that have been disclosed are not based on any conclusive scientific evidence unless specifically mentioned. In situations where we involved internal or external stakeholders in setting the target, this has been disclosed. When the actual progress against targets deviates significantly from what was planned initially, this has been explicitly stated.

For material topics for which we do not have targets yet, this is because we have not yet completed our assessment of determining which specific targets to establish going forward. In future years, when reassessing the composition of our material topics, we also will consider whether or not additional targets should be established.

# Metrics

None of our metrics have been validated by an external body, other than the external assurance provider.

## Table MDR-P AMG sustainability-related policy overview

Policy name	Key contents	Scope and stakeholder groups <sup>2</sup>	Third-party standards	Availability and policy implementer
Environmenta	al			
Environmental Policy	Objective: Promoting responsible environmental stewardship IROs: Climate change mitigation, energy Monitoring: Regular tracking and reviewing, annual reporting, management systems	Scope: AMG Group and, Suppliers Affected: Nature, local communities	ISO14001 or similar (environmental), ISO50001 at large operations (energy) GHG Protocol (GHG), IFC standards (biodiversity), REACH (S(V)HC)	Regular updates to on-site EHSS managers. Implementation: Corporate and Local EHSS departments
Social				
Human Rights Policy	Objective: Respecting human rights, preventing violations, fostering fair treatment IROs: Child labor, forced labor, collective bargaining & freedom of association, adequate wages, diversity, health and safety, training and education, local employment opportunities.  Monitoring: Ongoing due diligence, reviewed annually for effectiveness, adhoc risk assessments as needed	Scope: AMG Group and its group companies; employees, business partners and stake- holders; guideline to all value chain partners Affected: Employees, workers in the value chain, local communities	UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights, OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises; the ILO Declaration on Fundamental Principles and Rights at Work	Training, awareness event,. HR and Procurement network Implementation: Local HR departments and local management
Diversity & Inclusion Policy	Objective: Promote diversity and inclusion, ensure equal treatment without discrimination IROs: Diversity, Training and education, adequate wages, local employment opportunities  Monitoring: Tracking and reporting relevant metrics, annual measurement and reporting	Scope: AMG Group and its group companies; employees, business partners and stake- holders; guideline to all value chain partners Affected: Employees, senior management, workers in the value chain, local communities	CSRD, Dutch reporting law (SER)	Training, awareness events Implementation: Corporate Diversity Council and Local HR departments
Health & Safety Policy	Objective: Ensure a healthy and safe working environment IRO: Health and safety Monitoring: Systematic risk management, integrated into appraisals, Regular tracking and reporting, management systems	<b>Scope</b> : AMG Group and Suppliers, covering onsite and off-site activities	ISO 45001 or similar (health and safety)	Available on AMG's website; communicated through training Implementation: Corporate and Local EHSS departments
Governance				
Code of Business Conduct	Objective: Ensure ethical practices, aligned with AMG Values IROs: All <sup>1</sup> Monitoring: Review Speak-Up reports, tracking and reporting CoC training	<b>Scope</b> : AMG Group Affected: Employees and senior management	UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights, UN Global Compact, EITI Extractive Industry Transparency Initiative	Training (G1-1) Implementation: Senior management and Local Compliance officers
Anti-Bribery, Anti-Corruption, Conflicts of Interest Policy	Objective: Ensure business integrity, prevent bribery, corruption, conflicts of interest IRO: Corruption & bribery Monitoring: Regular reviews, mandatory training, Speak-Up Policy	Scope: AMG Group and business associates Affected: Employees, business associates	UK Bribery Act 2010, US Foreign Corrupt Practices Act, OECD practices, UN standards <sup>3</sup>	Training for selected functions at risk (G1-3) Implementation: Senior management and Local Compliance officers
Supplier Code of Conduct	Objective: Promote ethical, sustainable, responsible practices at suppliers. IRO: All <sup>1</sup> Monitoring: through employees and third parties	Scope: Suppliers globally Affected: Suppliers	UN Guiding Principles, ILO Declaration, OECD Guidelines on Multinational Enterprises and Supply chain Due Diligence <sup>3</sup>	Suppliers must acknowledge and commit to the Supplier Code Implementation: CCO and contract managers
Speak-Up & Reporting Policy	Objective: Encourage reporting of misconduct without retaliation.  IRO: Protection of whistleblowers <sup>1</sup> Monitoring: AMG Speak-Up Portal	Scope: AMG Group and stakeholders globally Affected: All stakeholders	EU Directive (EU) 2019/1937 (whistleblowing)	Training, on-site sessions, posters Implementation: CCO and Local Compliance Officers

<sup>1)</sup> Sustainability matters in scope include, but are not limited to, material matters presented in Table SBM-3.

<sup>&#</sup>x27;AMG Group' includes all global AMG operations with all its group companies and to all employees, officers and directors. 'Suppliers' are all suppliers, vendors, contractors, including temporary workers, consultants, agents and other providers of goods and services who do business with or on behalf of one of group entities that are part of the AMG Group. 'Business associates': Includes but is not limited by joint venture partners, agents, brokers, consultants, converters, distributors, and representatives, or other persons or firms who are likely to have contact with a customer or supplier.

<sup>3)</sup> Full names of third party frameworks: UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights; ILO Declaration on Fundamental Principles and Rights at Work; OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises; OECD Due Diligence Guidance for Responsible Supply Chains of Minerals from Conflict-Affected and High-Risk Areas.

# **Environmental Information**

AMG's environmental disclosures provide stakeholders and users of sustainability data with insights into AMG's impacts, risks, and opportunities (IRO). AMG has identified climate change (ESRS E1) as material.

#### Material Environmental Matters in AMG's Value Chain

Material topic	Impact type	Material impact, risk or opportunity	Location	Time horizon of impact
Climate change – mitigation	Actual	Negative impact on environment and global warming through scope $1-2$ GHG-emissions.	Own operations	Long term
		Negative impact on environment and global warming through scope 3 GHG-emissions.	Across the value chain	Long term
Climate change – energy	Actual	Positive impact on the environment by reducing GHG emissions due to a shift to renewable energy and developing energy storage solutions and materials that enable further CO <sub>2</sub> reduction by end users.	Across the value chain	Mid term
		Opportunity, as global energy demand increases, of a higher demand for AMG's materials and technologies that improve energy efficiency and increase energy supply.	Across the value chain	Mid term

Within climate change the material IRO is related to two different sub-topics: climate change mitigation and climate change energy. In climate change mitigation we identified actual negative impacts across our own operations and within our upstream and downstream value chain. These negative impacts include global warming through scope 1 and 2 GHG-emissions within own operations and scope 3 GHG-emissions in the value chain. As for climate change energy, we determined actual positive impacts in our upstream and downstream value chain. The impacts include reduction in GHG-emissions due to a shift towards renewable energy, developing energy storage solutions, and the use of materials that enable further CO<sub>2</sub> reduction by end users.

In 2024, AMG has taken steps to align with ESRS disclosure requirements. The following section includes material and relevant environmental information for the material topical disclosure. AMG uses the phased-in provisions of the ESRS and for several disclosure requirements. AMG is dedicated to continuously improving data availability and quality, particularly concerning environmental material matters.

# **EU Taxonomy**

#### Disclosures pursuant to Article 8 of Regulation 2020/852 (Taxonomy Regulation)

The European Commission introduced the European Taxonomy Regulation (EU 2020/852), commonly referred to as the EU Taxonomy, as a significant measure toward achieving a climate-neutral Union by 2050. The EU Taxonomy seeks to channel capital toward activities that align with the regulation's sustainability criteria. To facilitate this, the European Commission has created a catalog of economic activities that defines substantial contributions to a sustainable economy, based on Technical Screening Criteria (TSC). Companies, like AMG, are required to use this classification system to evaluate the sustainability of their business activities. The EU Taxonomy, along with its supporting delegated acts, is intended to aid companies, investors, and policymakers in identifying environmentally sustainable activities.

# Application of the EU Taxonomy by AMG

In 2023, reporting on Taxonomy eligibility and alignment activities was required for Climate Change Mitigation (CCM) and Climate Change Adaptation (CCA). However, for the remaining four environmental objectives—Water and Marine Resources, Transition to a Circular Economy, Pollution Prevention and Control, and Biodiversity and Ecosystems—only Taxonomy eligibility reporting was mandated. Starting in 2024, Taxonomy reporting on both eligibility and alignment is required for all six environmental objectives. As 2023 marked AMG's first full year of reporting under the EU Taxonomy, we will provide comparative figures for fiscal years 2023 and 2024.

In the section that follows, AMG, as a non-financial entity, outline the share of our group Turnover, Capital Expenditure (CapEx), and Operating Expenditure (OpEx) for the financial year 2023 and 2024. These figures, also known as key performance indicators (KPIs), relate to Taxonomy-aligned economic activities associated for all six of the environmental objectives in accordance with Article 8 of the EU Taxonomy.

#### **Definitions**

A Taxonomy-eligible economic activity refers to any activity identified in the delegated acts (Climate Delegated Act and Environmental Delegated Act) supplementing the Taxonomy Regulation, regardless of whether it meets any or all of the Technical Screening Criteria (TSC) specified in these acts. Conversely, a Taxonomy-non-eligible economic activity is one that is not identified in these delegated acts.

An economic activity is considered Taxonomy-aligned if it meets the TSC as defined in the Climate Delegated Act, Environmental Delegation Act and adheres to minimum safeguards related to human and consumer rights, anti-corruption and bribery, taxation, and fair competition. To fulfill the TSC, an economic activity must contribute significantly to one or more environmental objectives without causing significant harm (DNSH) to any other environmental objectives.

#### Core business activities and external turnover

Our assessment of Taxonomy-eligible activities is focused on economic activities defined as the offering of goods or services in a market, thus (potentially) generating revenues (at the present time or in the future). AMG is a producer of highly engineered specialty metals and mineral products, design and manufacturing of LIVA Hybrid Energy Storage System (Hybrid ESS) for industrial use to improve their energy and power management, and provides related vacuum furnace systems and services to the transportation, infrastructure, energy, and specialty metals and chemicals end markets. In general, many of our products are intermediate products that enable other products to substantially contribute to mitigating climate change. In this context, we assess our business by our contribution to provide climate neutral, low carbon, and other low carbon technologies.

#### Taxonomy-eligible economic activities:

The Taxonomy Regulation considers economic sectors and economic activities that have been included in the Taxonomy to have the greatest potential to make a substantial contribution to the six environmental directives. The breadth of the selected economic sectors and activities is narrow; therefore, the Taxonomy does not allow for the inclusion of a majority of AMG's economic activities under the current delegated acts.

We have examined all economic activities carried out by AMG to determine which of these are eligible and aligned with reference to Annexes I and II to the Climate Delegated Act (for CCM and CCA) and eligible with reference to the Environmental Delegated Act for the four other environmental objectives. The assessment led to the identification of three eligible economic activities. The analysis on the eligibility shows that AMG only has eligible activities in relation to the CCM objective.

Table EUT-1 Taxonomy Assessment of Eligible Activities

Eligible economic activity	TSC assessment per eligible AMG activity	Compliance with TSC
3.4 - Manufacture of batteries	<b>LiVa Power Management System</b> — AMG manufactures the LIVA Hybrid Energy Storage System (Hybrid ESS) which is designed for industrial use, offering companies a means to enhance their energy and power management. This results in lowered energy expenses and decreased CO <sub>2</sub> emissions. The storage capacity of the Hybrid ESS can be easily adjusted to meet specific needs. With regard to the DNSH criterion, insufficient information is available to confirm that we comply with the criteria for climate change mitigation with respect to end-of-life recycle ability.	Not compliant
3.4 - Manufacture of batteries	AMG Lithium is constructing the first battery-grade lithium hydroxide refinery within the European Union in Bitterfeld-Wolfen which will supply the battery industry.	Not compliant
3.5 - Manufacture of energy efficiency equipment for buildings	Manufacturing of Graphite for Gray Insulation — AMG produces graphite products that are integrated into the foam structure of white expandable polystyrene to create Grey EPS building insulation. However, after analysis, we found that the TSC were not met, as we were unable to adequately demonstrate that our product currently meets or exceeds the required U-value for external wall systems.	Not compliant
3.5 - Manufacture of energy efficiency equipment for buildings	Coating products for Low-E Glass for buildings — AMG manufactures planar and rotatable targets made from titanium oxide, silicon-aluminum, niobium oxide, and more to produce coatings on Low-E Glass and Solar Panel Glass. However, after analysis, we found that the technical specifications criteria (TSC) were not met, as we were unable to adequately demonstrate that our product currently meets or exceeds the required U-value for window systems.	Not compliant

#### Assessment of Alignment with EU Taxonomy Regulation

**Substantial Contribution** — To assess whether an economic activity is Taxonomy-aligned, it must first meet the initial requirement specified in the Taxonomy Regulation: it must contribute significantly to one or more environmental objectives. All turnover-generating activities (3.4 and 3.5) target a substantial contribution to climate change mitigation. Alignment with the TSC of the EU Taxonomy was evaluated for each eligible activity as summarized in Table EUT-1.

**DNSH assessment** — For all economic activities where we can demonstrate a substantial contribution to climate CCM and CCA, we further assess the Do No Significant Harm (DNSH) criteria at the economic activity level. This evaluation includes conducting the following assessments: climate risk and vulnerability, sustainable use and protection of water and marine resources, transition to a circular economy, pollution prevention and control, and protection and restoration of biodiversity and ecosystems. Our assessment determined that there is insufficient information available to confirm that we comply with the criteria for climate change mitigation for our economic activities.

Minimum safeguards assessment — The final step in the alignment assessment involves verifying AMG's compliance with the minimum safeguards (anti-bribery and corruption, fair competition, taxation, and human rights) as outlined by the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises, the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights, the principles and rights set forth in the International Labour Organization's Declaration on Fundamental Principles and Rights at Work, and the International Bill of Human Rights.

The minimum safeguards criteria have not undergone a detailed evaluation of activities based on the Platform on Sustainable Finance's final report on minimum safeguards as a result of which we are not able to demonstrate meeting these criteria.

#### Allocation of Turnover, CapEx and OpEx to Environmental Objectives

AMG has allocated its Turnover, CapEx and OpEx to eligible activities and the non-eligible category according to the nature of the economic activity. All of AMG's eligible activities only contribute to a single environmental objective (CCM).

#### **Our KPIs and Accounting Policies**

AMG, as a non-financial entity, presents the proportion of our group Turnover, Capital Expenditure (CapEx), and Operating Expenditure (OpEx) for the financial years 2023 and 2024. These figures, identified as key performance indicators (KPIs), pertain to Taxonomy economic activities across all six environmental objectives, in compliance with Article 8 of the EU Taxonomy. For the reporting period 2024, the KPIs must be disclosed in relation to our Taxonomy-aligned, eligible, and non-eligible economic activities (Art. 10 (2) of the Art. 8 Delegated Act). The specification of the KPIs is determined in accordance with Annex I of the Art. 8 Delegated Act. We determine the Taxonomy-eligible KPIs in accordance with the legal requirements and describe our accounting policy in this regard as follows.

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**Turnover KPI** — The proportion of Taxonomy-eligible economic activities in our total turnover has been calculated as the part of net turnover derived from products and services associated with Taxonomy-eligible economic activities (numerator) divided by the net turnover (denominator), in each case for the financial year from January 1, 2024 to December 31, 2024.

The denominator of the Turnover KPI is based on our consolidated net turnover in accordance with IAS 1.82(a). For further details on our accounting policies, refer to note 3 in the consolidated financial statements for additional detail.

The numerator of the Turnover KPI is defined as the net turnover derived from the products and services associated with Taxonomy-eligible economic activities.

CapEx KPI — Our CapEx KPI represents the proportion of our capital expenditure which relate to assets or processes associated with Taxonomy-eligible activities, or are part of a plan to expand Taxonomy-eligible activities or are related to the purchase of output of Taxonomy-eligible activities and individual measures enabling the target activities to become low-carbon or to lead to greenhouse gas reductions. The 2023 eligibility of Turnover, CapEx, and OpEx values have been restated to incorporate CapEx associated with the construction of AMG Lithium's battery-grade lithium hydroxide refinery in Bitterfeld-Wolfen.

The denominator of the CapEx KPI is based on the additions to lease assets, additions to property plant and equipment, and additions to intangible assets (excluding goodwill).

The numerator of the CapEx KPI is defined as additions to lease assets plus additions to property plant and equipment and additions to intangible assets which relate to assets or processes associated with Taxonomy-eligible activities, or are part of a plan to expand Taxonomy-eligible activities or are related to the purchase of output of Taxonomy-eligible activities and individual measures enabling the target activities to become low-carbon or to lead to greenhouse gas reductions. See note 9 and 11 in the consolidated financial statements for additional details.

**OpEx KPI** — Our OpEx KPI represents the proportion of our operating expenditures as defined by the Taxonomy Regulation which relate to assets or processes associated with Taxonomy-eligible activities, or are part of a plan to expand Taxonomy-eligible activities or are related to the purchase of output of Taxonomy-eligible activities and individual measures enabling the target activities to become low-carbon or to lead to greenhouse gas reductions.

The denominator of the OpEx KPI is based on non-capitalized research and development costs, building maintenance and repair costs, short-term lease expenses, and other direct costs incurred relating to the day-to-day servicing of assets that are necessary to ensure the continued and effective use of such assets.

The numerator of the OpEx KPI is defined as non-capitalized research and development costs, building maintenance and repair costs, short-term lease expenses, and other direct costs incurred relating to the day-to-day servicing of assets which relate to assets or processes associated with Taxonomy-eligible activities, or are part of a plan to expand Taxonomy-eligible activities or are related to the purchase of output of Taxonomy-eligible activities and individual measures enabling the target activities to become low-carbon or to lead to greenhouse gas reductions.

Table EUT-2 Eligibility and alignment of Turnover, CapEx and OpEx<sup>25</sup>

in \$ thousands	Tota	ıl	Taxonomy non-e	eligible activities	Taxonomy eligible activities			
KPIs	2023	2024	2023	2024	2023	2024		
Turnover	1,625,861	1,439,856	1,601,491	1,415,991	24,370	23,865		
CapEx	158,537	135,748	82,175	87,972	76,362	47,776		
OpEx	35,350	47,899	32,075	46,041	3,275	1,858		
Of which:								
Taxonomy-eligible and aligned					0	0		
Taxonomy-eligible but not aligned					104,007	73,499		

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>25</sup> The 2023 eligibility and alignment of turnover, CapEx, and OpEx values have been restated to incorporate CapEx associated with the construction of AMG Lithium's battery-grade lithium hydroxide refinery in Bitterfeld-Wolfen.

# **Our Disclosures**

The following tables provide AMG's disclosure on the proportion of Taxonomy-eligible and non-eligible KPI's for Turnover, Capital Expenditure (CapEx) and Operational Expenditure (OpEx).

Table EUT-3 Turnover — Proportion of Turnover from products or services associated with Taxonomy-aligned economic activities (disclosure covering year 2024)

economic activities (c	iisciosui	e covering	y ear	2024,	,														
				S	ubsta	ntial ( Crit		ibutio	n	DN				oes N arm")					
Economic Activities (1)	Code (2)	Absolute Turnover (3)	Proportion of Turnover, Year 2024 (4)	Climate Change Mitigation (5)	Climate Change Adaptation (6)	Water (7)	Pollution (8)	Circular Economy (9)	Biodiversity and Ecosystems (10)	Climate Change Mitigation (11)	Climate Change Adaptation (12)	Water (13)	Pollution (14)	Circular Economy (15)	Biodiversity (16)	Minimum Safeguards (17)	Taxonomy Aligned Proportion of total Turnover, year 2023 (18)	Category (Enabling Activity) (20)	Category (Transitional Activity) (21)
			%	Y;N; N/ EL	Y;N; N/ EL	Y;N; N/ EL	Y;N; N/ EL	Y;N; N/ EL	Y;N; N/ EL	Y/N	Y/N	Y/N	Y/N	Y/N	Y/N	Y/N	%	E	Т
A. Taxonomy-Eligible A	ctivities																		
A.1. Environmentally Su	ıstainable	Activities (	Taxono	my-A	ligne	d)													
Turnover of Environmer Sustainable Activities (Taxonomy-Aligned) (A.	•	0.00	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	0%		
Of which Enabling		0.00	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	0%	Е	
Of which Transitional		0.00	0%							Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	0%		т
A.2. Taxonomy-Eligible	but not Er	nvironmenta	ally Sus	taina	ble A	ctivitie	es (no	t Tax	onom	ıy-Ali	gned	Activ	rities)	)					
				EL; N/ EL	EL; N/ EL	EL; N/ EL	EL; N/ EL	EL; N/ EL	EL; N/ EL										
Manufacture of Batteries	CCM 3.4	3,051	0.2%	EL	N/ EL	N/ EL	N/ EL	N/ EL	N/ EL								1%		
Manufacture of Energy Efficiency Equipment for Buildings	CCM 3.5	20,805	1.4%	EL	N/ EL	N/ EL	N/ EL	N/ EL	N/ EL								0%		
Turnover of Taxonomy- but not Environmentally Sustainable Activities (r Taxonomy-Aligned Acti (A.2)	/ not	23,856	1.6%	2%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%								<1%		
Total (A.1+A.2)		23,856	1.6%	2%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%								1%		
B. Taxonomy-non-Eligik	ole Activiti	es																	
Turnover of Taxonomy- Eligible Activities	non-	1,416,000	98.4%																
Total (A+B)		1,439,856	100%																

Table EUT-4 CapEx — Proportion of CapEx from products or services associated with Taxonomy-aligned economic activities (disclosure covering year 2024)

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Economic Activities (1)	Code (2)	CapEx (3)	Proportion of CapEx, Year 2024 (4)	Climate Change Mitigation (5)	Climate Change Adaptation (6)	Water (7)	Pollution (8)	Circular Economy (9)	Biodiversity and Ecosystems (10)	Climate Change Mitigation (11)	Climate Change Adaptation (12)	Water (13)	Pollution (14)	Circular Economy (15)	Biodiversity (16)	Minimum Safeguards (17)	Taxonomy Aligned Proportion of total CapEx, year 2023 (18)	Category (Enabling Activity) (20)	Category (Transitional Activity) (21)
			%	Y;N; N/ EL	Y;N; N/ EL	Y;N; N/ EL	Y;N; N/ EL	Y;N; N/ EL	Y;N; N/ EL	Y/N	Y/N	Y/N	Y/N	Y/N	Y/N	Y/N	%	E	٦
A. Taxonomy-Eligible Activi	ities																		
A.1. Environmentally Sustai	inable A	Activities	(Taxor	omy-	Aligne	ed)													
CapEx of Environmentally Sustainable Activities (Taxonomy-Aligned) (A.1)		0.00	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	0%	0%	0%
Of which Enabling		0.00	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	0%	Е	
Of which Transitional		0.00	0%							Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	0%		Т
A.2. Taxonomy-Eligible but	not Env	vironmen	itally S	ustain	able A	Activit	ies (n	ot Tax	conom	ıy-Ali	gned	Activ	vities	)					
				EL; N/EL	EL; N/EL	EL; N/EL		EL; N/EL											
Manufacture of Batteries Co	CM 3.4	46,520	34.3%	EL	N/EL	N/EL	N/EL	N/EL	N/EL								47%		
Manufacture of Energy Efficiency Equipment for Buildings	CM 3.5	1,256	0.9%	EL	N/EL	N/EL	N/EL	N/EL	N/EL								1%		
CapEx of Taxonomy-Eligible not Environmentally Sustain Activities (not Taxonomy-Al Activities) (A.2)	nable	47,776	35.2%	35%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%								48%		
Total (A.1+A.2)		47,776	35.2%	35%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%								48%		
B. Taxonomy-non-Eligible A	Activitie	s																	
B. Taxonomy-non-Eligible A CapEx of Taxonomy-non-El Activities		87,972	64.8%																

Table EUT-5 OpEx — Proportion of OpEx from products or services associated with Taxonomy-aligned economic activities (disclosure covering year 2024)

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				Subs	stantia	I Con	tributi	on Cri	teria		ISH C Signi		•						
Economic Activities (1)	Code (2)	OpEx (3)	Proportion of OpEx, Year 2024 (4)	Climate Change Mitigation (5)	Climate Change Adaptation (6)	Water (7)	Pollution (8)	Circular Economy (9)	Biodiversity and Ecosystems (10)	Climate Change Mitigation (11)	Climate Change Adaptation (12)	Water (13)	Pollution (14)	Circular Economy (15)	Biodiversity (16)	Minimum Safeguards (17)	Taxonomy Aligned Proportion of total OpEx, year 2023 (18)	Category (Enabling Activity) (20)	Category (Transitional Activity) (21)
			%	Y;N; N/ EL	Y;N; N/ EL	Y;N; N/ EL	Y;N; N/ EL	Y;N; N/ EL	Y;N; N/ EL	Y/N	Y/N	Y/N	Y/N	Y/N	Y/N	Y/N	%	E	Т
A. Taxonomy-Eligible A	ctivities																		
A.1. Environmentally Su	ıstainable	Activitie	s (Taxo	onomy	-Align	ied)													
OpEx of Environmental Sustainable Activities (Taxonomy-Aligned) (A.		0.00	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	Y	Υ	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	0%	0%	0%
Of which enabling		0.00	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	0%	Е	
Of which Transitional		0.00	0%							Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	0%		Т
A.2. Taxonomy-Eligible	but not Er	nvironme	entally	Sustai	nable	Activi	ities (r	ot Tax	conon	ny-Al	igned	Acti	vities	<b>;</b> )					
				EL; N/EL	EL; N/EL	EL; N/EL	EL; N/EL	EL; N/EL	EL; N/EL										
Manufacture of Batteries	CCM 3.4	0	0%	EL	N/EL	N/EL	N/EL	N/EL	N/EL								2%		
Manufacture of Energy Efficiency Equipment for Buildings	CCM 3.5	1,858	3.9%	EL	N/EL	N/EL	N/EL	N/EL	N/EL								7%		
OpEx of Taxonomy-Elig not Environmentally Su Activities (not Taxonom Aligned Activities) (A.2)	stainable ıy-	1,858	3.9%	3.9%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%								9%		
Total (A.1+A.2)		1,858	3.9%	3.9%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%								9%		
B. Taxonomy-non-Eligib	ole Activiti	es																	
OpEx of Taxonomy-non Activities	-Eligible	46,041	96.1%																
Total (A+B)		47,899	100%																

Because we are not performing any of the activities related to natural gas and nuclear energy (activities 4.26-4.31), we only use the table EUT-6, Nuclear and fossil gas related activities, as introduced by the Complementary Delegated Act. We will not be using the other dedicated templates regarding activities in certain energy sectors.

#### Table EUT-6 Nuclear and fossil gas related activities

#### Nuclear energy related activities The company carries out, funds or has exposures to research, development, demonstration and deployment of innovative electricity No generation facilities that produce energy from nuclear processes with minimal waste from the fuel cycle. The company carries out, funds or has exposures to construction and safe operation of new nuclear installations to produce No electricity or process heat, including for the purposes of district heating or industrial processes such as hydrogen production, as well as their safety upgrades, using best available technologies. The company carries out, funds or has exposures to safe operation of existing nuclear installations that produce electricity or No process heat, including for the purposes of district heating or industrial processes such as hydrogen production from nuclear energy, as well as their safety upgrades. Fossil gas related activities The company carries out, funds or has exposures to construction or operation of electricity generation facilities that produce No electricity using fossil gaseous fuels The company carries out, funds or has exposures to construction, refurbishment, and operation of combined heat/cool and power No generation facilities using fossil gaseous fuels. The company carries out, funds or has exposures to construction, refurbishment and operation of heat generation facilities that No produce heat/cool using fossil gaseous fuels.

# E1 — Climate Change

Our approach to determining material impacts, risks and opportunities is described in chapter General Information IRO-1. Our double materiality assessment (DMA) showed both climate change mitigation, as well as energy, to be assessed as material topics for AMG – the former for our full value chain and the latter for our own operations. (ESRS E1, 12)

Disclosures regarding whether and how climate-related considerations are factored into the remuneration of members of the administrative, management and supervisory bodies can be found under General Disclosures GOV-3. (ESRS E1, 13)

E1 SBM-3 — Material impacts, risks and opportunities and their interaction with strategy and business model & E1 IRO-1 — Description of processes to identify and assess material climate-related impacts, risks, and opportunities

AMG is fully committed to proactively understanding and addressing material climate-related impacts, risks and opportunities (IROs) as described in chapter General Information SBM-3, Table SBM-3 Material impacts, risk and opportunities. (ESRS SBM3, 18) The following sections describe the processes used to identify and assess our material climate-related IRO's.

#### GHG Emissions (ESRS 2 IRO1, 20(a))

Annually, AMG calculates our facilities' emissions of Scope 1, Scope 2, and Scope 3 greenhouse gases (GHGs) based on an operational control approach in accordance with the Greenhouse Gas Protocol Corporate Accounting and Reporting Standards. For additional information please refer to (ESRS E1.1,16(d)) paragraph on locked-in GHG emissions; E1-4 Targets related to climate change mitigation and adaptation and E1-6 Gross Scopes 1, 2, 3 and Total GHG emissions.

AMG has integrated a double materiality principle into our capital allocation program to screen activities and plans for potential future emission sources. Projects meeting the Corporate financial requirements for capital expenditure authorization are evaluated on two key elements: the incremental financial value and the impact on  $CO_2$ e reduction. Project champions are required to calculate the net  $CO_2$ e contribution or removal for the project. The results are compared to the company and/or business unit carbon footprint and considered in the process for project authorization.

AMG has conducted preliminary climate related physical and transition risk analyses of our own operations and part of our upstream supply chain. Downstream value chain was excluded from the analysis because we prioritized the analysis where we identified the greatest potential risk which is the supply of raw materials. These analyses provided us with an initial understanding of potential climate related physical impacts to our own operations and the types of transition risks and opportunities that may be most relevant to AMG operations and upstream supply chain under various warming scenarios and timeframes. Below is a brief overview of the analyses and observations.

## Climate-related physical risks (ESRS 2 IRO1, 20(b), 21)

To better understand and mitigate climate change risk, AMG completed a project to analyze and quantify our physical climate change risks. The objective of the assessment was to analyze the severity, likelihood, and velocity of identified physical climate risks on all AMG owned facilities by:

- (a) assessing specific risk profiles to all AMG physical asset locations including building characteristics, usage type and level of resilience and
- (b) analyzing physical exposure with climate modeling scenarios (RCP 8.5 and RCP 2.61) to identify perils (flooding, extreme wind, forest fire, soil movement, extreme heat, freeze-thaw) driving physical exposure, changes in risk profile from 2020 to 2100 and quantification of the value at risk using assumptions based on the current replacement value of assets and associated income generated from those assets.

The results of the analysis and climate modeling scenarios were then overlaid with our near, medium and long-term strategic planning horizons (as described below) and capital allocation plans to determine potential impacts.

• near-term (1-3 years) aligning with business and financial planning timeframe.

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- medium-term (3-10 years) aligning with the Group business outlook timeframe and enabling us to think beyond our near-term targets and adjust strategy as appropriate.
- long-term (>10 years) using scenarios to help explore the wide range of uncertainties surrounding climate-related transition and potential impacts and opportunities they may present.

The top observations indicated that riverine flooding and forest fire, respectively have the potential to cause the greatest damage to our own operations. Extreme wind and soil subsidence may impact most of our sites by 2100.

Based on the preliminary physical risk analysis and climate modeling scenarios, AMG does not have material exposure, from a value at risk perspective, to physical climate risk in the relative near, medium or long-terms. (ESRS SBM3, 19(a-c))

#### **Transition Risk**

We have conducted a preliminary transition risk analysis of our portfolio and AMG business unit's "top 10" (determined by total dollar spend) raw material production suppliers. The analysis involved evaluating the potential impacts of climate scenarios based on five different emission pathways, ranging from a "No Policy" scenario with a temperature increase of over 4°C to the Paris Agreement scenario aiming for a 1.5°C increase. The observations indicated that Policy Risk, driven by factors such as carbon pricing, poses the most significant risk, while the global electric vehicle (EV) uptake presents the most significant opportunity upside, particularly in the Lithium sector.

Our preliminary transition risk analysis demonstrated that it is very difficult to estimate, with a high level of confidence, the economic impacts of future climate events over the extensive geography in which AMG's value chain operates. This is because the estimated impacts differ considerably, depending on the emissions pathway chosen, which currently is subject to political debate in various jurisdictions in which we operate. Our current assessment is that the currently identifiable financial impact of climate change transition is not material, and therefore this has not been identified as a material IRO in our DMA. Further analysis is required to better understand potential climate related transition risks and opportunities under various warming scenarios. In 2025, we plan to further advance these analyses in alignment with ESRS and present detail on their outcomes in future Sustainability Statements including reconsidering whether this gives rise to a material topic. (ESRS SBM3, 19(a-c))

#### E1-1 — Transition plan for climate change mitigation

AMG has not established a transition plan for climate change mitigation that is in full alignment with disclosure requirement E1-1. (ESRS E1.1, 14-15) Over the next 3 years, we intend to further advance the analysis of climate related transition risks and opportunities on our own operations and our upstream supply chain. The results of these analyses will inform the development and implementation of our transition plan for climate change mitigation. AMG will continue to implement incremental climate related mitigation aspects into our business strategy through policies and operational actions, as described in the following paragraphs.

In 2024, with approval and support by the AMG Management Board, AMG published our revised Environmental Policy which documents our decarbonization levers that form the foundation of our plans to achieve current and future GHG reduction targets, building resilience against the impacts of climate change on our own operations and supply chain, and capitalizing on potential transitional opportunities. (ESRS E1.1, 16(i)) Table E1-1 presents additional details of AMG's Decarbonization Levers.

**Table E1-1 Decarbonization levers** 

Category	Levers
Scope 1 and Scope 2	Optimizing metallurgical processes, to reduce the combustion of carbon-containing materials, such as coal used in the production of silicon metal.
emissions	Reducing electricity and natural gas use in our innovative production facilities through our energy management programs.
	Expanding renewable energy sourcing through on-site electricity generation, power purchasing agreements and covering energy use with renewable energy certificates
Scope 3	Engaging with relevant stakeholders to combat climate change.
emissions	Working with suppliers to reduce their carbon footprint and to minimize their climate impacts.
	Identifying opportunities to purchase less carbon-intensive goods and services.
Physical impacts	Continue to evaluate effectiveness of resilience measures and incorporate mitigations into our CapEx planning.
Transition opportunities	Develop and deliver solutions that reduce carbon emissions and minimize the negative environmental effects of energy production.
	Support a lower-carbon economy and provide customers alternatives to achieve resource efficiency, cost savings, and the enabling of CO <sub>2</sub> reduction through the use of our products and technologies.

Climate change mitigation influences our business model and planning. AMG's strategic investments that drive earnings growth over the next decade are primarily focused on enabling CO<sub>2</sub> reduction through both its products as well as its technologies. Emerging International and global policy risk, driven by factors such as carbon pricing, has the potential to pose the most significant risk, while the global electric vehicle (EV) uptake presents the most significant opportunity upside, particularly in the Lithium sector. Improving energy efficiency and gaining access to reliable renewable energy is a priority that we have identified. We continue to explore all available sources of electricity, monitor our consumption, and assess supply risks and opportunities for renewable use and battery deployment. (ESRS E1.1, 16(b))

Although we have not quantified future investment and funding required to achieve the implementation of our climate change plans, AMG has continued its strong focus on driving the key strategic projects that align with transition opportunities. Examples of these key strategic projects include progressing the expansion of the spodumene producing Mibra mine in Brazil and the lithium hydroxide upgrader plant in Bitterfeld, Germany; progressing the marketing, expansion and operation by AMG LIVA of its industrial battery solution (referred to as Hybrid Energy Storage System), that was first introduced in 2022. These developments are all examples of the evolution of AMG's strategy towards a focus on markets directly relating to climate change mitigation. (ESRS E1.1, 16(c h, j))

As a result of executing our transition aligned projects, we expect an increase in locked-in GHG emissions based on current and future investment in new assets, such as our Lithium Refinery in Bitterfeld, Germany which has the capability to expand to five operating modules. Our current business model demonstrates our desire to become a vertically integrated lithium supplier, a significant contributor to energy storage solutions and a continued manufacturer of products and technologies that enable CO<sub>2</sub>e reduction through their use. The critical part of establishing future achievable GHG reduction targets will be dependent on further quantification of incremental locked-in emissions. (ESRS E1.1, 16(d))

Our assessment of Taxonomy-eligible activities is focused on economic activities defined as the offering of goods or services in a market, thus (potentially) generating revenues (at the present time or in the future). The group has no current objective or plans for aligning its economic activities (revenues, CapEx, OpEx) with the criteria established in Commission Delegated Regulation 2021/2139. See <u>EU Taxonomy chapter</u> for further information on CapEx and OpEx employed for Taxonomy eligible activities. (ESRS E1.1, 16(e))

AMG is not excluded from the EU Paris-aligned Benchmarks and intends to align our future climate change transition plan with the requirements of Disclosure E1-1 for future Sustainability Statements. (ESRS E1.1, 16(g), 17)

# E1-2 — Policies related to climate change mitigation and adaptation

AMG's Environmental Policy is designed to actively address the identified environmental material impacts, risks, and opportunities (IRO) linked to AMG operations, as set forth in our double materiality assessment. We are committed to minimizing our overall environmental impact while encouraging our business units to advance innovative CO<sub>2</sub> reduction technologies. We are dedicated to reducing our operations' impact on the environment and promoting sustainability across all organizational levels. Sustainability drives us to minimize negative impacts and maximize value globally. (ESRS E1.2, 22, 23)

Limiting global warming will reduce climate change-related impacts on ecosystems and human health. AMG has a role to play in supporting climate change mitigation by implementing voluntary reductions of greenhouse gasses within its control, and by developing materials science solutions that assist our customers in reducing CO<sub>2</sub> emissions through the end use of products.

Management programs in the areas of Energy Management (ISO 50001) and Environmental Management (ISO 14001) assist us in building and implementing programs based on the highest standards in our activities and at our sites. (ESRS E1.2, 24)

Found in our Environmental Policy, we have identified levers in our own operation and in the value chain for reducing GHG emissions and the use of electricity and natural gas, expanding renewable energy sourcing, and developing solutions that reduce carbon emissions and minimize the negative environmental effects of energy production as prescribed in Disclosure Requirement <u>E1-1</u>, paragraph 16(i), <u>Table E1-1</u> Transition Plan Decarbonization Levers. (ESRS E1.2, 25)

#### E1-3 — Actions and resources in relation to climate change

Starting in 2024, AMG began the process of developing a decarbonization plan. AMG's decarbonization plan is inclusive of all operationally controlled sites and considers potential projects focusing on energy efficiency and consumption reduction; material efficiency and consumption reduction; fuel switching; electrification; use of renewable energy; phase out, substitution, or modification of products; and phase out, substitution, or modification of processes. (ESRS E1.3, 27)

While we decarbonize our operations, we continue to maintain and grow the business. As such we expect the pathway to net zero will not be a steady downward trajectory but will include temporary increases associated with new and expanded operations. Implementation of decarbonization activities and quantification of estimated and actual GHG reductions are underway. Examples of decarbonization projects that are undergoing feasibility study, planning or implementation are included in table E1-3 The current financial resources for these examples are not significant and therefore, cannot be directly related to amounts presented in the financial statements. (ESRS E1.3, 29(a))

Table E1-3 Climate-related actions

				Phase	
Category	Description	Location	Study	Planning	Implement
Electrification	Replacing diesel forklift trucks	U.K.			$\checkmark$
Energy efficiency	Replacing diesel generator	US	$\checkmark$		
Renewable Energy	Installation of solar power	DE, US, FR	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$
Energy efficiency	Installation of hybrid energy storage system	DE	✓		✓

AMG has not yet established other climate change mitigation and adaptation actions or allocated resources for their implementation. Once further actions have been implemented, we will be able to disclose additional information about our decarbonization actions, their associated GHG emission reductions and significant monetary amounts of CapEx and OpEx required to implement them. (ESRS E1.3, 26, 29 (b),(c))

#### E1-4 — Targets related to climate change mitigation and adaptation (ESRS E1.4 30, 34(a)(c)(d))

In previous years, we reported that we would commit to achieving a reduction of direct (i.e., Scope 1 and 2) CO<sub>2</sub> emissions by 2030 from a baseline of 2019, adjusted for the startup of the Zanesville facility, by 20% which was not aligned with the Paris Agreement 1.5 °C warming scenario.(ESRS E1, 16(a)) Our current performance indicates that this target has been achieved at the end of 2024. As a result, and as we further progress on sustainability reporting based on the European Sustainability Reporting Standards (ESRS), we will consider communicating revised emission reduction targets in future annual reports. (ESRS E1.4, 33, 34(c),(d))

Our climate change mitigation target is an absolute value and considers Scope 1 and 2 greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions attributed to our operations. To monitor our progress towards our target, AMG annually calculates our facilities' emissions of Scope 1 and Scope 2 greenhouse gases (GHGs) based on an operational control approach in accordance with the Greenhouse Gas Protocol Corporate Accounting and Reporting Standards. The market-based method for calculating Scope 2 emissions was used when establishing the target. We have not currently allocated a percentage of the target to either Scope 1 or Scope 2 emissions reduction and we have not included Scope 3 emissions in our current target, nor have we established a separate Scope 3 emissions reduction target. We have not established long-term (i.e., beyond 2030) science based GHG reduction targets compatible with limiting global warming to 1.5°C. (ESRS E1.4, 34(a), (b)-(e))

We continue to evaluate our operational capabilities, locked-in GHG emissions, changes in technologies and the availability of alternative energy sources to further reduce our  $CO_2e$  emissions. AMG has not established other climate, adaptation, and mitigation targets. (ESRS E1.4, 32) We anticipate disclosing additional information about our decarbonization actions and their associated GHG emission reductions in future Sustainability Statements. (ESRS E1.4, 34(f))

# E1-5 — Energy consumption and mix

AMG operates in high climate impact sectors NACE (B) Mining and (C) Manufacturing. The following table summarizes AMG's energy consumption and mix. Our primary data source relies on metering and bills from third parties for energy consumption. (ESRS E1.5, 37, 38) In 2024, AMG generated 10,650 MWh of renewable energy. (ESRS E1.5, 39-42). AMG total net revenue, used to calculate the energy intensity, derived from operations in high climate impact sectors NACE (B) Mining and (C) Manufacturing. (ESRS E1.5, 40-43)

Table E1-5 Overview energy consumption, mix and intensity

nergy Consumption (MWh)	2024
otal Energy Consumption (calculated as the sum of lines 6, 7, and 11)	732,805
Fossil Energy Consumption per Source	
(1) Coal and Coke Products	0
(2) Crude Oil and Petroleum Products	95,736
(3) Natural Gas	115,721
(4) Other Fossil Sources	36,423
(5) Purchased or Acquired Electricity, Heat, Steam, and Cooling	332,861
(6) Total Fossil Energy Consumption (calculated as the sum of lines 1 to 5)	580,741
Total as share of Total Energy Consumption (%)	79%
Nuclear Energy Consumption	
(7) Nuclear Sources	21,464
Total as share of Total Energy Consumption (%)	3%
Renewable Energy Consumption per type	
(8) Renewable Fuels, including Biomass	46,281
(9) Purchased or Acquired Electricity, Heat, Steam, and Cooling	73,670
(10) Self-Generated Non-Fuel Renewable Energy	10,650
(11) Total Renewable Energy Consumption (calculated as the sum of lines 8 to 10)	130,601
Total as share of Total Energy Consumption (%)	18%
nergy Intensity	2024
otal Energy Consumption Per Net Revenue (MWh/USD)	0.0005
et Revenue (in thousands, USD)	1,439,856

# E1-6 — Gross Scopes 1, 2, 3 and Total GHG emissions

There are 3 types of business occupancy within AMG's portfolio of Operating Locations:

- (a) Administrative: non-production operations where administrative, clerical, sales, research and other non-production support activities for AMG businesses.
- (b) Production: also known as manufacturing, these locations are where components are assembled or materials are mined, processed (physically, mechanically, chemically) or heat treated to produce finished goods for end or intermediate use.
- $\begin{tabular}{ll} (c) Warehouse: a location used to store raw, intermediate or finished goods prior to distribution to the end user. \\ \end{tabular}$

Scope 1, 2, 3 emission calculations primarily exclude AMG sales and administrative offices and some small engineering sites. Overall, it has been determined that non-production facilities make an insignificant contributions to our GHG inventory.

Table BP-1, found in the General basis for preparation of the sustainability statement section identifies the AMG Group Businesses included in the calculation of 2024 Scope 1, 2 and 3 GHG emissions.

#### Scope 1 emissions

Scope 1 GHG emissions are principally the result of the following types of activities undertaken by AMG:

- Process emissions (physical or chemical): these emissions result from manufacture or processing of chemicals and materials, e.g., roasting of resid catalyst and gasification ash, use of coal in silicon metal production.
- Transportation of materials, products, people, etc.: these emissions result from the combustion of fuels in company owned/controlled mobile combustion sources (e.g., forklifts, trucks, loaders, cars, etc.).
- Generation of electricity, heat, or steam: these emissions result from combustion of fuels in stationary sources, e.g., boilers, furnaces, turbines.
- AMG did not have biogenic emissions of CO<sub>2</sub>.
- Hydrofluorocarbon (HFC) emissions from refrigeration and air conditioning equipment: these emissions result from intentional
  or unintentional releases, e.g., equipment leaks from joints, seals, packing, and gaskets; HFC emissions during the use of
  refrigeration and air conditioning equipment.

The Greenhouse Gas Protocol (GHG Protocol) provides a widely used framework for accounting and reporting GHG emissions. For Scope 1 emissions, which are direct emissions from sources that are owned or controlled by AMG, the formula used for calculation is:

## Scope 1 emissions=∑(Activity Data)×(Emission Factor)

• Scope 1 emissions refers to the total direct greenhouse gas emissions.

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- (Activity Data) represents the quantity of fuel, process emissions, refrigerants or other inputs that emit greenhouse gases when combusted or used.
- (Emission Factor) refers to the emissions per unit of activity data, which varies depending on the type of greenhouse gas
  emitted and the source of the activity data.

Combustion emission and global warming potential (GWP) factor sources:

- DEFRA Conversion factors 2024
- The Climate Registry June 2024 Default Emission Factors
- EPA Emission Factors for GHG Inventories Refrigerants GWP source:
- IPCC Fifth Assessment Report (AR5) (Obtained from EPA Emission Factors for GHG Inventories (2024) CO<sub>2</sub>, CH<sub>4</sub>, and N<sub>2</sub>O GWP

(ESRS E1.6, 44)

# Scope 2 emissions

For both the location-based method and the market-based method, emissions are calculated by multiplying the purchased electricity by appropriate emission factors. Although this section describes the steps for calculating emissions from the consumption of purchased electricity, the information is also applicable to steam, heat, and cooling.

The GHG Protocol provides a formula for calculating Scope 2 emissions, which are indirect emissions resulting from the generation of purchased or acquired electricity, steam, heating, or cooling consumed by AMG. Scope 2 can be calculated as location based or market based.

**Location Based** — The location-based method for calculating greenhouse gas emissions considers average emission factors for the electricity grids that provide electricity to a specific location or facility. This method considers the emissions associated with the generation of electricity in a particular geographic region.

Market Based — The market-based method for calculating greenhouse gas emissions considers contractual arrangements through which a business unit procures power from specific sources, such as fossil, renewable, or other generation facilities. Unlike the location-based method, which relies on average emission factors for electricity grids, the market-based method allows business units to reflect the environmental attributes of the electricity they purchase based on the characteristics of their procurement contracts.

In 2024, renewable energy power purchase agreements and RECs in the amount of 10,974 MWh were utilized in calculating our Scope 2 market-based emissions.

The formula for calculating Scope 2 emissions (market and location based) is:

Scope 2 emissions=∑(Consumption Data)×(Emission Factor)

- Scope 2 emissions refers to the total indirect greenhouse gas emissions.
- (Consumption Data) represents the quantity of purchased or acquired electricity, steam, heating, or cooling consumed by AMG, typically measured in units like kWh (kilowatt-hours), MWh (megawatt-hours), or therms.
- (Emission Factor) refers to the emissions intensity associated with the consumption of the purchased energy, which is often expressed in terms of emissions per unit of consumption (e.g., kgCO<sub>2</sub>e per kWh).

Electricity emission factor (CO<sub>2</sub>, CH<sub>4</sub>, and N<sub>2</sub>O) sources:

- IEA OECD/IEA 2022 (2020)
- AIB European Residual mix (2023)
- US EPA eGRID 2021 (Updated January 2023)

Heat and steam emission factor (CO<sub>2</sub>, CH<sub>4</sub>, and N<sub>2</sub>O) source:

· DEFRA Conversion factors 2024 (Heat and Steam)

(ESRS E1.6, 44)

#### Scope 3 Emissions

GHG emissions for our business are calculated using methodologies consistent with the Greenhouse Gas Protocol: A Corporate Accounting and Reporting Standard, the GHG Protocol Corporate Value Chain (Scope 3) Accounting and Reporting Standard and GHG Protocol Technical Guidance for Calculating Scope 3 Emissions, as appropriate.

Source data and calculations are for activities that occurred in the period from 01 January – 31 December 2024. For purchased goods and services, data represents goods and services received during the period.

The categories included in AMG's scope 3 inventory, include:

- · Category 1: purchased goods and services
- · Category 2: capital goods
- · Category 3: fuel and energy related activities
- · Category 4: upstream transportation and distribution
- · Category 5: waste generated in operations.
- Category 9: downstream transportation and distribution

The rational for excluding the remaining categories is as follows:

- Category 6: business travel. A small percentage of AMG employees are required to travel as part of their job description.
   Calculation of business travel emissions has been determined to be not material, <1% of total emissions.</li>
- Category 7: employee commuting. AMG employees are typically hired from the local communities in which we operate and do
  not have long commutes to their work locations. Group transportation is provided by several AMG businesses and for remote
  locations, such as AMG Aluminum China, onsite living accommodations are provided to employees required to travel long
  distances. Calculation of business travel emissions has been determined to be not material, <1% of total emissions.</li>
- Category 8: upstream leased assets. AMG does not have upstream leased assets that contribute significant GHG emissions which are not reported in our Scope 1 and 2 emissions.
- Category 10: processing of sold products. AMG products are primarily considered intermediate products that are used as a raw material in the production of other sold products. AMG products do not liberate GHGs when processed.
- Category 11: use of sold products. The use of AMG's products was excluded since these activities are not expected to have a significant GHG emission, offer a significant reduction opportunities, and are not relevant to the company's business goals.
- Category 13: downstream leased assets. AMG does not have downstream leased assets.
- Category 14: franchises. AMG does not participate in franchise activities.
- Category 15: investments. AMG is not an investment company and does not provide financial services.

Calculations for Scope 3 emissions utilize internationally recognized and generally accepted emission factors. Emission factors are maintained in our Sustainability Management Platform in the Emissions Factory Library where they are updated to reflect the most current data for the respective calculation period. Our 2024 scope 3 analysis utilized emission factors from the following sources:

- · ecoinvent
- US EPA: The Environmental Protection Agency's Environmentally (EPA) Extended Input-Output (EEIO) model dataset
- · DEFRA: Well-to-Tank (WTT) emission factors,
- IEA (International Energy Agency Life Cycle Upstream Emission Factors
- US EPA: The Emission Factors for Greenhouse Gas Inventories (12 September 2023)

(ESRS E1.6, 44)

The following table provides a summary of AMG's Gross Scopes 1, 2, 3 and Total GHG Emissions. (ESRS E1.6, 48-52)

# Table E1-6b Overview of GHG emissions and intensity

Scope 1 GHG Emissions	2024
Gross Scope 1 GHG Emissions (tCO₂eq)	153,063
Percentage of Scope 1 emissions from regulated trading schemes (%)	32%
Scope 2 GHG Emissions	
Gross Market Based Scope 2 GHG Emissions (tCO <sub>2</sub> eq)	158,483
Gross Location Based Scope 2 GHG Emissions (tCO <sub>2</sub> eq)	168,806
Significant Scope 3 GHG Emissions	
Total Gross Indirect (Scope 3) GHG Emissions (tCO₂eq)	1,152,196
(1) Purchased Goods and Services	1,003,371
(2) Capital Goods	9,327
(3) Fuel and Energy-Related Activities (Not Included in Scope 1 or Scope 2)	13,845
(4, 9) Upstream and Downstream Transportation and Distribution	115,158
(5) Waste Generated in Operations	10,494
(6) Business Traveling	not applicable
(7) Employee Commuting	not applicable
(8) Upstream Leased Assets	not applicable
(9) Downstream Transportation	(included in Category 4)
(10) Processing of Sold Products	not applicable
(11) Use of sold products	not applicable
(12) End-of-life Treatment of Sold Products	not applicable
(13) Downstream leased assets	not applicable
(14) Franchises	not applicable
(15) Investments	not applicable
Total GHG Emissions (location based) (tCO₂eq)	1,474,065
Total GHG Emissions (market based) (tCO <sub>2</sub> eq)	1,463,742
GHG Intensity Per Net Revenue	2024
Total GHG Emissions (Location-Based) Per Net Revenue (tCO <sub>2</sub> eq/USD)	0.0010
Total GHG Emissions (Market-Based) Per Net Revenue (tCO <sub>2</sub> eq/USD)	0.0010
Γable E1-6c (in thousands)	
Net Revenue Used to Calculate GHG Intensity	1,439,856
Net Revenue (Other)	0
Total Net Revenue (in Financial Statements)	1,439,856

(ESRS E1.6, 53-55)

# E1-7 — GHG removals and GHG mitigation projects financed

AMG does not have GHG removal and GHG mitigation projects financed through carbon credits as prescribed in Disclosure Requirement E1-7.

## E1-8 — Internal carbon pricing

AMG does not apply internal carbon pricing schemes as prescribed in Disclosure Requirement E1-8.

# E1-9 — Anticipated financial effects from material physical and transition risks and opportunities

As described in ESRS 1 Appendix C: List of phased-in Disclosure requirements, AMG has elected to omit the information prescribed in disclosure requirement E1-9.

# **Social Information**

Our social disclosures emphasize the importance of people. In line with our commitment to transparency and accountability, AMG's Social Information provides stakeholders and users of sustainability data with insights into our material impacts, risks, and opportunities (IROs). This includes our strategy, policies, processes, actions, and targets related to our own workforce (ESRS S1), AMG's workers within our value chain (ESRS S2), and the communities affected by our operations (ESRS S3). Through this information, we seek to increase transparency and strengthen our dedication to responsible and sustainable business practices. This section on social information highlights our commitment to conducting business ethically and sustainably, benefiting our employees, partners, and the broader community. By addressing these related issues while focusing on different stakeholder groups, we aspire to illustrate how we create a meaningful social impact while reducing any potential negative consequences.

AMG recognizes **stakeholder engagement** as part of our efforts to positively impact our operational license, market position, and the creation of sustainable long-term value. We engage with our stakeholders to enhance communication, collaboration, and mutual understanding. We seek and are open to feedback on the issues that matter to our stakeholders, particularly regarding the sustainability aspects of AMG's strategy. <u>AMG's core Values</u> guide us in all interactions with our stakeholders. AMG stakeholders and the communities where we operate remain central to our business. Within our company, our human rights principles are sustained through the provision of safe and healthy working conditions in a non-discriminatory environment. AMG respects the cultures, lifestyles, and heritage of the local communities in which we operate. We are committed to making a lasting, positive contribution to the countries and communities where we work. AMG is committed to hiring employees from the community, investing in building diverse talent pools, and providing training to improve skill levels. Wherever possible, we endeavor to extend our Values and principles to our suppliers and contractors.

» See also AMG's Stakeholder Engagement Policy publicly available.

#### Table Social Information: Material Social Matters in AMG's value chain

Social				
Own workforce				
Health and safety	Actual	Negative impact on own workers and their physical health and safety from unsafe situations that can result in injury or work-related illness.	Own operations	Short term
Collective bargaining & freedom of association	Potential	Negative impact on own workers through working conditions, which do not have possibilities for collective bargaining opportunities, do not provide adequate opportunities for freedom of association and consultation and access to work councils.	Own operations	Short and mid term
Adequate wages	Actual	Positive impact on employees through working conditions which have employment terms that provide adequate wages.	Own operations	Short, mid and long term
Diversity	Actual	Positive impact on employees by providing a diverse and inclusive workplace fostering a working environment which enables all employees from all backgrounds.	Own operations	Short and mid term
Training and skills development	Actual	Positive impact on employees by providing facilitating continuous professional growth, upgrading employees' skills by offering training, mentorship, and other skills development-related activities.	Own operations	Short and mid term
Workers in the val	lue chain	ı		
Health and safety	Potential	Negative impact on workers in the supply chain and their physical health and safety from unsafe situations that can result in injury or work-related illness.	Upstream	Short term
Forced labor	Potential	Negative impact on workers in the supply chain through exposure of workers in location where there are circumstances of forced labor.	Upstream	Short and mid term
		The risk that forced labor takes place in the supply chain	Upstream	Short term
Diversity	Potential	Negative impact on workers in the supply chain related to the lack of equal treatment and opportunities for all.	Upstream	Short and mid term
Adequate wages	Potential	Negative impact on workers in the supply chain through working conditions which have a lack of employment terms that provide adequate wages.	Upstream	Short, mid and long term
Collective bargaining & freedom of association	Potential	Negative impact on workers in the supply chain through employment terms that have a lack of opportunities for workers to engage in collective bargaining and social dialogue as well as freedom of association.	Upstream	Short and mid term
Affected commun	ities			
Local employment opportunities	Actual	Positive impact on local economy by way of providing local employment opportunities and thereby supporting the living conditions.	Own operations	Short, mid and long term
		Opportunities in talent attraction and retention which may lead to business growth by having a locally engaged workforce.	Own operations	Mid term

Focusing on own workforce the material social IROs include actual negative impact in the case of health & safety, potential negative impact on collective bargaining freedom of association, actual positive impacts on adequate wages, diversity, training and education. The IROs related to upstream value chain workers include potentially negative impacts regarding health and safety, forced labor, child labor, diversity, adequate wages and collective bargaining and freedom of association as well as a risk for AMG with regard to forced labor. AMG identified one actual positive material IRO related to affected communities, and related to it an opportunity for AMG on the entity specific matter "local employment opportunities". No material social issues in AMG's downstream value chain were identified.

#### » More on General Disclosures SBM-3 on page 70.

AMG is at the beginning of its journey to comply with the Corporate Sustainability Reporting Directive (CSRD), which emphasizes the importance of transparency in social policies, actions, and targets. AMG is committed to complying with centralized information requirements, despite being a highly decentralized organization that respects local needs and business decisions. Each business unit within AMG operates with a degree of autonomy, allowing them to tailor their strategies, operations, and decision-making processes to better meet the specific needs of their local environments. This balance between centralized compliance and decentralized operations enables AMG to leverage the strengths of both approaches. It is the responsibility of each company's group to maintain adequate records to provide the appropriate metrics, actions and documentation.

To ensure focus on material and relevant social information, AMG uses the phased-in provisions of the European Sustainability Reporting Standards (ESRS) (ESRS 2, Appendix C). AMG is dedicated to continuously improving social data availability and quality.

Regarding **policies on social IROs**, we recognize the interdependencies between impacts on people and the environment, risks and opportunities so that a single policy applies to multiple material sustainability matters, including issues addressed by more than one topical ESRS, and more than one section of the CSRD. It becomes evident that the policies are not stand-alone policies but broader policies that address different stakeholder groups. In the respective disclosures, AMG provides a cross-referencing while attempting to maintain readability of the text; in addition, <u>all AMG policies are publicly available</u>. (ESRS \$1.1, AR 11), (ESRS \$2.1, AR 13), (ESRS \$3.1 18)

The administrative bodies (Corporate ESG Functions), Corporate EHSS for all environmental, health, and safety reporting, Workforce Reporting team which covers all social issues (except health and safety) and Corporate Governance is covered by the Chief Compliance Officer and the Corporate Secretary prepared updates of several of AMG's corporate policies in 2024 that were discussed and adopted by the AMG Management Board. This update cycle aimed to cover identified material IROs broadly within AMG-wide policy frameworks. In addition, when it comes to policies related to AMG's own workforce, latest requirements on due diligence and references to international frameworks were included to further develop implementation in alignment with internationally recognized frameworks. (ESRS \$1.1, AR 10), (ESRS \$2.1, AR 12), (ESRS \$3.1, AR 19) The policies cover all of AMG's own workforce, and do not target specific groups within AMG's workforce only. (ESRS \$1.1, 19)

The table below lists AMG's issues with related IROs and maps them to AMG's policies. There are seven applicable policies to manage AMG's material impacts on its workforce, workers in the value chain or affected communities: <u>AMG Code of Conduct</u>, <u>Diversity and Inclusion Policy</u>, <u>Human Rights Policy</u>, <u>Stakeholder Engagement Policy</u>, <u>AMG's Supplier Code of Conduct</u>, <u>Speak Up & Reporting Policy</u>, and <u>Health and Safety Policy</u>.

Table S: Overview of AMG policies related to material social matters of AMG (ESRS S1.1, 19), (ESRS S2.1, 16), (ESRS S3.1, 14)

Issues with related IROs	Stakeholder Group	Code of Conduct	Diversity and Inclusion Policy	Human Rights Policy	Stakeholder Engagement Policy	Supplier Code of Conduct	Speak Up & Reporting Policy	Health & Safety Policy
Health & Safety	S1, S2	$\overline{\checkmark}$	-		-	$\overline{\checkmark}$	-	
Adequate wages	S1, S2	$\checkmark$						-
Collective bargaining & freedom of association	S1, S2	V	-	V	✓	v	☑	-
Diversity	S1, S2		$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$		$\square$		-
Training and Education	S1	V	✓	✓	✓	V	✓	✓
Child labor	S2	$\checkmark$	-	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	-
Forced Labor	S2	✓	-	✓	✓	✓	✓	-
Local employment opportunities	S3	✓	✓	V	☑	<b>\sqrt</b>	✓	-

- » More on Policies MDR-P see in ESRS 2 on page 78 and on the material IROs on page 70.
- » More on policies regarding own workforce see section <u>S1-1</u> on <u>page 98</u>, regarding workers in the value chain see section <u>S2-2</u> on <u>page 106</u>, and regarding affected communities see section <u>S3-2</u> on <u>page 109</u>.

AMG's Human Rights Policy reaffirms and clarifies AMG's commitment to respecting human rights and lays out the general approach to human rights due diligence including processes and mechanisms to monitor its compliance. AMG as global company operating in a global market is built on the AMG Values and is committed to respecting internationally recognized human rights in our own operations and to fostering respect for human rights in relationships with our business partners along the value chain. AMG embraces its responsibility to respect the internationally recognized human rights. AMG's Human Rights Policy defines the framework for AMG's respect for human rights, both with regard to its own employees, workers in the value chain and affected communities. It covers all value chain workers, with particular focus on supply chain workers (ESRS S2,1 16). AMG supports and respects the internationally recognized human rights in accordance with international standards and initiatives such as the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights, the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises; and the ILO Declaration on Fundamental Principles and Rights at Work. In addition, AMG is a signatory of the United Nations Global Compact. (ESRS S1.1, 21), (ESRS S2.1, 19), (ESRS S3.1, 17)

The human rights policy expresses the respect for human rights, including labor rights, of its own workforce and of value chain workers as well as communities, and indigenous peoples specifically. (ESRS S2.1, 17 (a)) Engagement with own workforce, value chain workers, and affected communities is addressed in both the human rights policy and the <u>stakeholder engagement policy</u> (ESRS S2.1, 17 (b)) The Speak Up portal is the cornerstone of AMG's measures to provide and/ or enable remedy for potential human rights impacts. (ESRS S1.1, 20), (ESRS S2.1, 17 (c)), (ESRS S3.1, 16)

AMG's human rights policy addresses explicitly trafficking in human beings, forced labor or compulsory labor and child labor in relation to all potentially impacted rights holders, including own workforce, workers in the value chain or indigenous peoples. (ESRS \$1.1, 22), (ESRS \$2.1,18), (ESRS \$3.1, 15) AMG considers the UN Guiding Principles' reference to the International Bill of Human Rights and the ILO Declaration on Fundamental Rights and Principles at Work demonstrated in the provided definitions in the Human Rights Policy. (ESRS \$1.1, AR 12), (ESRS \$2.1, 19, AR 14) In addition, AMG considers that the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights, reference the International Bill of Rights, the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, ILO Convention No. 169, and the core conventions that support these instruments. (ESRS \$1.1, 13), (ESRS \$2.1 AR 10) AMG's supplier code of conduct includes provisions that address worker safety, precarious work conditions, human trafficking, forced labor, and child labor, ensuring full compliance with applicable ILO standards. (ESRS \$1.1, AR 13)

Concerning non-respect of the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights, ILO Declaration on Fundamental Principles and Rights at Work or OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises that involve own workforce, value chain workers or affected communities, one complaint relating to pay discrimination in one of AMG's US subsidiaries has been reported and was investigated in 2024. The complaint has been investigated and has been closed without finding any merit. EU Legislation, (ESRS \$2.1,19), (ESRS \$3.1, 17)

# S1 — Own Workforce

# **Strategy**

# S1 SBM-3 — Material impacts, risks and opportunities and their interaction with strategy and business model

The actual and potential impacts on AMG's own workforce i) originate from or are connected to the AMG's strategy and business models described in <u>SBM-1</u> and ii), among other factors, also inform and contribute to adapting the AMG's strategy and business model. (ESRS S1.ESRS 2 SBM-3, 13 (a, b)) All people in AMG's own workforce who could be materially impacted by AMG are included in the scope of its disclosure. (ESRS 2.S1-ESRS 2 SBM-3, 14)

#### (a) AMG's own workforce (ESRS S1.2 SBM-3, 14 (a))

AMG considers employees as individuals who are in an employment relationship with AMG according to national law or practice incl. all management levels.(ESRS S1.2 SBM-3, 14 (a)) So far, AMG has not yet developed an understanding of how people with particular characteristics, those working in particular contexts, or those undertaking particular activities may be at greater risk of harm. (ESRS S1.2 SBM-3, 15)

#### (b) Regarding material negative impacts

In the case of the potential impact associated with the sub-subtopic "Collective bargaining & freedom of association" in the short and mid term and the potentially negative impact on own workers through working conditions, which do not have possibilities for collective bargaining opportunities, do not provide adequate opportunities for freedom of association and consultation and access to work councils, i) we see this systemic in the context of different legislation around the world in countries AMG is active, i.e. regarding the (non) ratification of ILO core labor standards and not related to individual incidents. (ESRS S1.2 SBM-3, 14 (b))

In the case of the impact associated with the sub-subtopic "Health and Safety", the impacts include physical health and safety from unsafe situations that can result in injury or work-related illness. These impacts are actual negative impacts to our own operations and potential impacts on workers in the supply chain. (S1-ESRS 2 SBM-3,14 (b))

#### (c) Regarding material positive impacts

For Adequate Wages the identified actual positive impact over short, mid and long term on all employees is through working conditions which have employment terms that provide adequate wages was identified. Due to AMG's business model, there is an actual positive impact on adequate wages of own workers so that an adequate living standard at a minimum can be reached. In specialized sectors like AMG, where highly skilled professionals such as engineers are essential, fair employment terms and adequate wages can have a profound positive impact. AMG's fair employment terms regarding the adequate wages imply a positive impact on employees. (ESRS S1.2 SBM-3, 14 (c))

For Diversity, an actual positive impact on all employees for short and mid term was identified by creating a diverse and inclusive workplace. By fostering an environment where individuals from all backgrounds feel valued and included, AMG contributes to an inclusive atmosphere that encourages collaboration and a sense of belonging. Due to AMG's strategy, there is an actual positive impact on the own workforce. Since Diversity is a focus topic in AMG every individual has the chance to grow for example in an Employee Resource Groups (ERGs): Women In Networking (WIN) meetings. (ESRS \$1.2 SBM-3, 14 (c))

Training and Education for short and mid term, as continuous professional development, including skills upgrading through training, mentorship and other skills enhancement activities, has been identified in the DMA as having a positive impact on all employees. Continuous professional development, including skill upgrades through training, mentorship, and other skill enhancement activities, has been identified as having a positive impact on all employees. Our employees have the possibility to participate in trainings, with opportunities to participate in WIN/ERG meetings, training academy courses, or individual training sessions. We anticipate that this will not only enhance employees' skills, but will also contribute to greater job satisfaction as our employees are able to apply their new or refined skills. (ESRS \$1.2 SBM-3, 14 (c))

(e) No material impacts on AMG's own workforce that may arise from transition plans Currently we have not identified any impacts to our own workforce from climate-related transition risk.

# (f -g) Operations at significant risk of incidents of forced labor or compulsory labor or child labor (ESRS S1.2 SBM-3, 14 (f, g))

For AMG's own operations we do not see any operations at significant risk of incidents of forced labor or compulsory labor or of child labor in terms of types of operations. (ESRS S1.2 SBM-3, 14f), g)) Although AMG is active in mining and critical materials, the AMG Code of Conduct and AMG's Corporate Values as well as the corporate governance principles applied by the company do not leave room for any incidents.

- » See also Governance Information mentioning of no reports on page 110.
- » More on General Disclosures SBM-3 on page 70.

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In accordance with the social ESRS provisions on the interaction with other ESRS standards, and recognizing that social standards should be considered in conjunction with both the general ESRS and other material social standards that address different stakeholder groups, namely AMG's own workforce, workers in the value chain and affected communities policy information is provided in the ESRS 2 disclosure's overview, at the beginning of the social information section when it is not specific to one of the concerned material stakeholder groups and only specific additional information is provided in the respective sections of S1, S2 or S3.

» See table on MDR-P in ESRS 2 on page 78. See elaborations on AMG's human rights policy in section S on page 93.

#### S1-1 — Policies related to own workforce

The management of material impacts on AMG's workforce is supported by seven AMG policies. The policies cover all of AMG's own workforce and not only specific groups. (ESRS 1.1, 19) Own employees within the meaning of the respective national legislation, are covered by all the before mentioned seven policies except for AMG's Supplier Code of Conduct, while the group of non-employees is covered by all the before mentioned seven policies. Regarding the social IROs these are namely AMG Code of Conduct, Diversity and Inclusion Policy, Human Rights Policy, Stakeholder Engagement Policy, AMG's Supplier Code of Conduct, Speak Up & Reporting Policy, and Health and Safety Policy. Complementing the overall overview of AMG's policies, further information focussing on own workforce is provided regarding the Human Rights policy, and the Diversity and Inclusion policy in particular.

» See table on MDR-P in ESRS 2 on page 78 and introductory section under Social Information on page 93. (ESRS S1.1, 17, 19, MDR-P)

**AMG's Human Rights Policy** lays out AMG's commitment to respect human rights, including the general approaches a) to respect for human rights, b) engagement with employees as well as c) measures to provide remedy. Feedback from e.g. own workforce regarding the <a href="Human Rights Policy">Human Rights Policy</a> is welcomed and can be addressed through AMG's websites and contact information. (ESRS \$1.1,17, 20)

AMG's human rights risk analysis follows a risk-based approach, aligning with the <u>UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights</u> and the <u>OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises</u>. AMG Group-wide assessments are conducted to identify, assess, and manage human rights and environmental risks. AMG sees due diligence as a continuous improvement and learning process, reviewed at least annually for effectiveness to be improved as necessary. Ad hoc assessments may be conducted for significant changes or expanded risk situations.

AMG's human rights policy relates to the following material impacts, risks or opportunities: Diversity and inclusion, health, safety and wellbeing, non-discrimination and promoting diversity and inclusion, remuneration, working time, freedom of association, collective bargaining and social dialogue, no forced or compulsory labor or human trafficking, no child labor, relationships with communities and handling of conflict minerals. AMG is committed to providing e.g. our workforce and others with access to effective grievance mechanisms. Grievances can be reported by both internal and external stakeholders, including but not limited to e.g. our employees through AMG's Speak Up procedure. Confidentiality, non-retaliation, and remedy are maintained. AMG expects all its employees to comply with the Human Rights Policy.

» See AMG's Human Rights Policy and Speak Up & Reporting Policy publicly available.

AMG's Diversity and Inclusion Policy emphasizes the importance of diversity and inclusion both within the company and in collaboration with partners along the value chain. AMG is committed to a diverse and inclusive corporate culture where every employee has equal opportunities and feels a sense of belonging. AMG is committed to diversity and inclusion in all AMG practices, including practices along the value chain. (ESRS \$1.1, 17) AMG has zero-tolerance for any kind of discrimination or harassment based on racial or ethnic origin, colour, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, disability, age, religion, political opinion, national extraction or social origin, or other forms of discrimination covered by Union regulation and national law. We do not tolerate any form of workplace bullying, intimidation and violence. AMG expects that all employment decisions made by local management, including hiring, promotions, compensation and other terms and conditions of employment is bias-free and based on merit, qualifications, and abilities only. (ESRS \$1.1,24 (a-b), (ESRS \$1.1, AR15) AMG has not defined policy commitments related to inclusion or positive action for people from groups at particular risk of vulnerability in its own workforce. (ESRS \$1.1,24 c)

» See AMG's Diversity & Inclusion Policy publicly available and on policy implementation as actions on page 99. (ESRS S1.1,24 d)

**AMG**'s Health and Safety Policy applies to AMG and all its group companies and extends to service providers, suppliers and temporary workers. All employees are expected to exhibit conduct that reflects this Policy during work, when representing AMG, on or off the work site. AMG is firmly committed to full compliance with all local and national rules and regulations applicable to AMG's group companies. Where the requirement of domestic legislation are stricter than this Policy, the relevant stricter or additional rules of such domestic legislation shall prevail. (ESRS S1.1, 23)

At AMG people are our greatest asset: nothing is more important to AMG than the safety, health and well-being of our workers and their families. Therefore, "We act Safely" is one of AMG's core Values. AMG commits itself to provide a healthy and safe working environment for all employees, contractors working on its premises and for those hired by AMG further along the supply chain. This commitment enhances our standing as a responsible and attractive business partner and employer of choice, and improves our productivity. The Health and Safety Policy is designed to address material impacts, risks, and opportunities (IRO) linked to health and safety at AMG.

» See AMG's Health and Safety Policy publicly available.

#### S1-2 — Processes for engaging with own workers and workers' representatives about impacts

Due to its decentralized governance and company set-up, AMG has not established a general company-wide process to engage with its own workforce. (ESRS S2.1,29)

On the basis of our <u>Values and Code of Conduct</u>, with one of the values "We respect people": We care for our stakeholders, including our employees and the communities we operate in. We place importance on relationships internally and externally, treating others with respect and care, however, the AMG business units engage with people in its own workforce and workers' representatives continuously. In particular, local management and local HR teams are constantly in interaction with its own workforce. Where workers' representatives are active, AMG engages with them on various issues of relevance locally.

» See <u>AMG's Code of Conduct</u> publicly available and referred to in <u>G1-1</u> on <u>page 110</u>. [only for illustrative purposes (ESRS S1.2, 27), as (ESRS S1.2, 29) applies]

## S1-3 — Processes for remediate negative impacts and channels for own workforce to raise concerns

A key component of AMG's grievance mechanisms is AMG's Speak Up & Reporting Policy. (ESRS \$1.3, 30) Employees and third parties are encouraged to use the Speak Up Portal, a phone and web-based tool, to raise concerns, also on an anonymous basis. This may include, but is not limited to, all (social) issues of various levels of concern. The number of reported cases is regularly benchmarked against reputable and publicly accessible benchmark reports to assess effectiveness and AMG's Speak Up culture.

For detailed information on the Speak Up & Reporting Policy, including the <u>Speak Up Portal</u>, the process, and non-retaliation provisions please refer to section G1-1. (ESRS S1.3, 32 a-e, 33)

Besides the Speak Up Portal, additional grievance mechanisms are available. AMG encourages to address any potential suspected irregularities directly with the person involved or the relevant managers or supervisors at the relevant office or industrial site since they are usually best equipped to resolve concerns quickly and effectively. It is also possible to reach out to AMG's local Compliance Officer or representatives nominated at our sites and industrial bases to receive concerns. (ESRS S1-3 AR 30)

#### S1-4 — Taking action on material impacts on AMG's workforce and effectiveness of those actions

AMG is committed to upholding its <u>core Values</u> and following the principles of the AMG Code of Business Conduct, which guide employee actions. We aim to have a positive impact on our workforce. Our company operates through local business units, which we trust to know best what is needed. Operational priorities are set locally. By establishing the framework with group-wide AMG policies, we aim to ensure that our business practices do not cause or contribute to material negative impacts on own workforce. (ESRS \$1.4, 41) AMG has updated <u>group-wide policies on the material IROs</u> in 2024. The policies describe the target state that AMG wants to achieve in a continuous process focusing on the necessary steps to be taken. The focus in 2024 is therefore on the creation of up-to-date policies, their approval by the Management Board and the distribution of the AMG policies to all business units. Due to its decentralized nature, the distribution follows both a top-down approach, and focused environmental, social and governance activities, complemented by local activities. (ESRS \$1.4, 35, 37)

We are using this momentum of CSRD preparation to further coordinate our actions and to learn from best-practices within AMG and beyond. This will take some time and is a continuous process with local business units taking the lead according to local requirements and methodologies, while the group-wide AMG policies provide the framework for action. Our aim is to continuously streamline actions, while leaving the necessary room for local priorities and ways, to be as consistent as possible and to respect local needs. Therefore the basis for actions currently implemented are driven by a range of motivations either on corporate level, as it is the case for example regarding actions on diversity and inclusion, or on factors on the local level. Currently as a result of this ongoing journey we have not yet planned or established actions. Therefore, we cannot report on comprehensive action plans including a list of key actions with expected outcomes and its contributions to AMG's policies nor necessary expenditures. (ESRS S1.4, 35, 37), (ESRS MDR-A, 68 (a)-(e), AR22, 69 (a)-(c), AR23)

To effectively monitor and evaluate workforce initiatives, we are beginning to assess potential instruments, including metrics for the CSRD, the first group-wide employee survey was rolled out in December 2024, benchmarking opportunities with peers, and the chance for continuous improvement by using assessment results to refine and enhance initiatives. (ESRS S1.4, 38 (d))

Consequently, the allocated resources are largely decentralized and part of the internal decision-making processes of individual business units. AMG has a <u>lean central organization</u> with dedicated functions supporting environmental, social, or governance sustainability matters. In 2024, group-wide global social networks were established to facilitate communication and future collaboration and exchange on social activities. Also AMG human right's policy and the D&I policy were presented and discussed (ESRS \$1.4, 43)

Action on two material issues with a long history of AMG's actions and activities shall be illustrated here, while not yet covering all ESRS requirements.(ESRS S1.4, 40, MDR-A)

Diversity and Inclusion: One social focus area of key actions of AMG from a corporate level regarding social material IROs are the Corporate Diversity and Inclusion Council (CDIC) and the Employee Resource Groups (ERGs). AMG has underlined its commitment to diversity and inclusion through the establishment of the CDIC in 2023, which consists of 11 members from various departments. The CDIC is charged with raising awareness, driving diversity initiatives and advising management on diversity issues. The two Employee Resource Groups (ERGs): Women In Networking (WIN) and Leadership, Development and Mentorship held quarterly meetings in 2024, facilitated by an external consultant. These ERGs were established with the overall goal of increasing employee engagement, promoting diversity in leadership roles, and fostering a culture of mentorship and support. By providing dedicated spaces for networking and mentorship, we aim to create a more inclusive and collaborative work environment where every employee feels valued and can thrive. The CDIC also attended the Society of Women Engineer's annual conference, which is the world's largest conference for women in engineering and technology. In addition, in June, AMG's CEO Dr. Heinz Schimmelbusch has signed the Society for Human Resource Management's (SHRM) CEO Action for Inclusion & Diversity pledge. We signed the pledge to affirm our commitment to a fostering and inclusive workplace that values diverse perspectives and drives innovation across all levels of the organization. (ESRS S1.4, 38 (c))

**Health and Safety:** AMG is dedicated to fostering a safe work environment through a range of commitments. Our management systems conform to the highest standards which includes internationally recognized standards such as ISO 45001 occupational health and safety management systems. We train the relevant employees in their safety-related responsibilities, using clear and multilingual instructions and information. We empower and demand that employees work safely, integrating H&S performance evaluations into relevant staff appraisals and reward systems accordingly. (ESRS S1.4, 38)

## **Metrics and Targets**

#### S1-5 — Targets related to managing material negative impacts, advancing positive impacts

AMG has not set any targets on the identified positive or negative impacts regarding own workforce with regard to collective bargaining freedom of association, adequate wages, and training and skills development. We trust in the proficiency of our local HR staff and departments to track the effectiveness of local activities and actions to correspond to the local market needs as well as the local employee base. A group-wide tracking of effectiveness of the actions regarding the particular sub-sub-topics has not been implemented. AMG is reviewing whether a feasible system can be developed, including metrics, to allow the units to annually report on the effectiveness of AMG's policies. (MDR-T, 72, 79 d), 81 b))

#### Diversity and inclusion target

AMG is dedicated to creating a workplace that promotes diversity and inclusion. In 2024, our diversity and inclusion reporting adheres to the guidelines of two separate frameworks: the Corporate Sustainability Reporting Directive (CSRD) and the Social and Economic Council of the Netherlands (SER) (ESRS MDR-T, 80(a)). Consequently, the variations in definitions, scopes, and reporting timelines result in differences in the reported data.

For the CSRD we apply a narrower definition of top management while at the same time including all business units in the data scope (ESRS \$1.9, AR71). Conversely, for the SER's 2023 report, as in the years before, the "sub-top management level" encompasses "anyone who is managing salaried staff and/or hourly wage staff; or employees who are managing substantial projects that include outside consultants or contractors". Although the broader definition results in a larger basis being included in the SER's reporting compared to the CSRD, results are very close with 25% female and 75% male top management at AMG for CSRD reporting and 21% female and 79% male top management for SER reporting FY2023. In line with the SER framework,AMG has set a target to increase women in management-level leadership roles globally to 30% by 2030. No milestones were defined (ESRS MDR-T, 80(b-e). The 2023 data is presented in the publicly available SER Report published in 2024, while the 2024 data, included in the Social Information section of this CSRD, aligns with the CSRD definition. (ESRS \$1.5, 44b), ESRS MDR-T, 79(a-b)).

Due to the ongoing review of the definitions, and its underlying metrics, we are not in the position yet to report an AMG target covering broader aspects of diversity and inclusion (ESRS MDR-T, 80) However, AMG's reporting in the SER portal in the Netherlands continues.

#### Health and safety target

Safety performance data regarding the number of workplace injuries, illnesses and fatalities are a key performance indicator used to identify initiatives that strengthen safety culture and ensure a safe workplace.

We aim to achieve an annual zero-incident status. As identified in the Summary: Remuneration Policy of this report, AMG has set a compensation target, related to the lost time injury rate (LTIR) aspiring to be 10% better than our peers. AMG's 2024 LTI of 0.48 was significantly better than its peers and 52% below the peer group figure of 1.00. On a monthly frequency, performance metrics shown in Table S1-14 are reported and analyzed in accordance with our data collection procedure. A consolidated monthly report, tracking the organization's progress towards the annual target, is prepared and disseminated to AMG management personnel.

#### S1-6 — Characteristics of the undertaking's employees

For details on the characteristics of AMG's employees see tables below. Overall, AMG has 3,651 employees in 2024. 530 employees have left AMG in 2024 with an employee turnover rate of 14.5%. (ESRS \$1.6, 50c), AR59, AR60) We compile the data presented here by headcount at the end of the reporting period (ESRS \$1-6 50 d i) dii), ESRS \$1.6, 50e), AR58) Footnote 1 Reporting Entity on page 143 states the number of employees (ESRS \$1.6, 50f)

Table 1 of S1-6: Information on employee headcount by gender (ESRS S1.6, 50a), AR55)

Gender	Number of employees (headcount)	Percentage
Male	3,021	83%
Female	622	17%
Other	0	—%
Not reported	8	—%
Total Employees	3,651	100%

Table 2 of S1-6: Employee headcount in countries where AMG has at least 50 employees representing at least 10% of its total number of employees (ESRS S1.6, 50a), AR55)

Country	Number of employees (headcount)	Percentage
Germany	1,434	39%
Brazil	752	21%
USA	485	13%

Table 3 of S1-6: Employees by contract type, broken down by gender (headcount) (ESRS S1.6, 50b), AR55

Headcount	Male	Female	Other	Not reported	Total
Number of employees	3,021	622	0	8	3,651
Number of permanent employees	2,942	606	0	0	3,548
Number of temporary employees	79	16	0	8	103
Number of non-guaranteed hours employees	0	0	0	0	0

AMG's Social CSRD Manual for internal purposes, contains a detailed description for the data collection methodologies, including any limitations. Due to the very decentralized AMG set-up and the diverse IT infrastructure, for the purpose of social data collection we are using three ways. For the S1-6 metrics, we amended a monthly financial data collection process and included additional information requests as needed for ESRS. Limitations are due to the different legislation in different countries, AMG is active in, yet we are applying common definitions, while adhering to all local legislation. For the metrics on headcount per country, we only include those countries with 50 or more employees and at the same time representing at least 10% of employees. (MDR-M ESRS 2.77 a)

#### S1-8 — Collective bargaining coverage and social dialogue

46% of AMG's total employees are covered by collective bargaining agreements. (ESRS \$1-8, 60 (a)) In the EEA there are three collective bargaining agreements in Germany (AMG Titanium, AMG Silicon and AMG Graphite Germany) and two in France (AMG Antimony and ALD France). (ESRS \$1-8, 60 (b)) The table below shows the details.

In relation to social dialogue in EEA countries, 92% of employees are covered by workers' representatives in EEA countries with significant employment, respectively Germany. (ESRS S1-8, 63 (a)) There is no existence of any agreement with its employees for representation by a European Works Council (EWC), a Societas Europaea (SE) Works Council, or a Societas Cooperativa Europaea (SCE) Works Council. (ESRS S1-8, 63 (b))

Table S1-8: Coverage rate collective bargaining coverage and social dialogue (ESRS S1-8, 58, 60 (b), (c), 63 (a))

	Collective Ba	Social dialogue		
	Employees - EEA	Workplace representation (EEA only)		
Coverage Rate	(for countries with >50 employees representing >10% total employees)	(estimate for regions with >50 employees representing >10% total employees)	(for countries with >50 employees representing >10% total employees)	
0-19%				
20-39%	Germany	North America		
40-59%				
60-79%				
80-100%		South America	Germany	

The Social CSRD Manual contains a detailed description for the data collection methodologies, including any limitations. Due to the very decentralized AMG set-up and the diverse IT infrastructure, for the purpose of social data collection we are using three ways. For the S1-8 metrics, we are using a cloud-based platform for primary data collection provided by the Business Units in addition to calculations done centrally. Limitations are due to the different legislation in different countries, AMG is active in, yet we are applying common definitions, while adhering to all local legislation. (MDR-M ESRS 2.77 a)

#### S1-9 — Diversity metrics

Regarding the CSRD definition of top management, AMG discloses gender at top management, using the narrow definition as one and two levels below AMG's Management Board. (ESRS S1.9, AR71) Thereby, the entity CEOs of AMG Lithium, AMG Vanadium and AMG Technologies are seen as level one top management with the direct reports to the entity CEOs and/or Management Board defined as level two.

» See more information on governance under Governance on page 71

Table S1-9: Number and percentage of employees at top management level (ESRS S1.9, 66 (a))

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Gender	Number	Percentage
Female	38	25%
Male	116	75%
Other	0	—%
Not reported	0	—%
Total	154	100%

Table S1-9: Age distribution in workforce based on headcount (ESRS S1.9, 66 (b))

Age	Male	Female	Other	Not reported	Total	Percentage Total
Employees under 30 years old	485	124	0	4	613	17%
Employees between 30 and 50 years old	1,676	349	0	4	2029	56%
Employees over 50 years old	860	149	0	0	1,009	28%
Employees under 30 up to over 50 years old	3,021	622	0	8	3,651	100%

AMG's Social CSRD Manual for internal purposes contains a detailed description of the data collection methods, including any limitations. Due to AMG's highly decentralized structure and diverse IT infrastructure, we use three methods to collect social data. For the S1-9 metrics, we have modified a monthly financial data collection process and included additional information requests as needed for the ESRS. The limitations are due to the different legislation in the various countries where AMG operates, but we apply common definitions while complying with all local legislation. In this case, however, we collect information applying two different definitions in parallel for FY 2024. The definition of "sub-top" management for SER reporting purposes differs from the CSRD definition of top management used in that the former is more limited and follows the ESRS definitions. We plan to take a closer look at the definitions and concepts in 2025 with the aim of aligning definitions and targets. (MDR-M ESRS 2.77 a)

#### \$1-10 — Adequate wages

All of AMG employees are paid an adequate wage in line with an adequate benchmark. (ESRS S1.10, 67, 70)

The Social CSRD Manual contains a detailed description for the data collection methodologies, including any limitations. Given AMG's decentralized structure and diverse IT infrastructure, social data is gathered through three primary methods. For S1-10 metrics, AMG collaborates with an external HR service provider and utilizes a cloud-based platform for primary data collection from Business Units, in addition to centrally conducted calculations and ESRS-required benchmarking. Limitations are due to the different legislation in different countries, AMG is active in, yet we are applying common definitions, while adhering to all local legislation as well as potentially to be calculated benchmarks when no direct sources are available.

AMG's adequate wage analysis encompasses several key steps. Wage data is collected directly from Business Units and supplemented by benchmarks from the Global Wage Indicator, such as legal minimum wages, collective bargaining agreement wages, and public/private statistical data. For Non-EEA (Non-European Economic Area) countries, sub-national benchmarks may be applied. The scope of this analysis covers all AMG locations—excluding Russia—and includes both EEA and non-EEA countries. Eligible employees are those counted in the normal headcount as of September 30, 2024, excluding individuals on long-term leave, non-employees, apprentices, secondees, and interns. The lowest wage in each country is determined by the basic wage plus any fixed additional payments that are guaranteed to all employees. This lowest wage is then compared against relevant benchmarks to assess whether it meets or exceeds the adequate wage standard. Data quality is ensured through thorough reviews to verify completeness, currency consistency, and gross salary amounts. Local representatives validated the data before submitting the data to the Corporate Workforce Reporting team. (MDR-M ESRS 2.77 a)

# S1-14 — Health and safety metrics

Health, safety, and well-being of our employees is one of the most material topics. We firmly believe that there is no job worth doing in an unsafe manner, our goal is to design policies and procedures which eliminate all work-related preventable injuries. Safety is understood across our business units as our number one priority.

AMG safety programs are unique to each of our sites and their management systems are tailored to their local regulatory environment. Formal safety management systems continue to play an important role in achieving zero harm to employees. We inform our safety management system through standards such as ISO 45001, which specifies requirements for occupational health and safety (OH&S) management systems. Our sites review and maintain their safety management systems through internal audits and participate in external audits when seeking certification. No significant assumptions behind entity specific key performance indicators exist.

Safety performance data regarding the number of workplace injuries, illnesses and fatalities are a key performance indicator used to identify initiatives that strengthen safety culture and ensure a safe workplace. Each year, AMG aims to achieve a zero-incident status. This is, of course, a very challenging objective.

Table S1-14 Health and safety performance metrics (ESRS S1.14, 86)

Health and safety metric (totals)	Unit	2024
ISO 45001 certification coverage		
Own employees covered (ESRS S1.14, 88(a))	Percentage <sup>1</sup>	47
Work-related incidents and/or ill-health relating to own workforce	е	
Recordable incidents (ESRS S1.14, 88 (c))	Incidents	30
Recordable incident rate	Incidents per 200,000 hours worked <sup>2, 3</sup>	0.9
	Incidents per 1,000,000 hours worked (ESRS S1.14, 88 (c))	4.5
Lost time incidents <sup>2</sup>	Incidents	16
Lost time incident rate <sup>2</sup>	Incidents per 200,000 hours worked <sup>4</sup>	0.48
	Incidents per 1,000,000 hours worked <sup>5</sup>	2.4
Fatalities as a result of injuries (ESRS S1.14, 88 (b))	Cases	0
Fatalities as a result of ill health (ESRS S1.14, 88 (b))	Cases	0
Work-related incidents and/or ill-health relating to value chain w	orkers working at AMG location	
Fatalities as a result of injuries and ill health (ESRS S1.14, 88 (b))	Cases	0

- 1) Based on headcount
- 2) Entity specific key performance indicators
- 3) Recordable incident Rate: Incidents per 200,000 hours worked: (number of recordable injuries, illnesses, and fatalities) x (200,000) / (Total Hours Worked)
- 4) Lost Time Incident Rate: Incidents per 200,000 hours worked (excluding fatalities) calculated as follows: (number of lost time injuries and illnesses) x (200,000) / (Total Hours Worked)
- 5) Lost Time Incident Rate: Incidents per 1,000,000 hours worked (excluding fatalities) calculated as follows: (number of lost time injuries and illnesses) x (1,000,000) / (Total Hours Worked)

# S2 — Workers in the Value Chain

# Strategy

# S2 SBM-3 — Material impacts, risks and opportunities and their interaction with strategy and business model

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The potential impacts on AMG's value chain workers originate from or are connected to AMG's strategy and business model as we produce highly engineered specialty metals as well as market-leading vacuum furnaces for specialized alloying applications and heat treatment services (see e.g. SBM-1). And among other factors, also inform and contribute to adapting the undertaking's strategy and business model. Also the relationship between on the one hand AMG's material risk arising from impacts and dependencies on value chain workers, and on the other hand AMG's strategy and business model, are due to the sectors AMG is active in. (S2-ESRS 2 SBM-3, 10 (a), (b)) All AMG's value chain workers who could be potentially materially impacted by AMG are included in the scope of its disclosure. (ESRS 2.S2-ESRS 2 SBM-3, 11)

- » See also value chain description on page 66.
- (a) AMG's value chain workers who could be materially impacted by AMG

So far, AMG has not yet developed an understanding of how workers with particular characteristics, those working in particular contexts, or those undertaking particular activities may be at greater risk of harm. (ESRS 2.S2-ESRS 2 SBM-3, 12) In the course of AMG's materiality assessment, it was determined that workers employed by companies in AMG's upstream value chain could potentially experience material impacts. We currently do not see any concrete situation, where AMG may either cause a negative impact, or contribute to it, however, it cannot be excluded that any link to a potentially negative impact may occur. (ESRS 2.S2-ESRS 2 SBM-3, 13) In the DMA, we assumed that workers at AMG sites who are not part of the AMG workforce will remain in close contact with AMG, minimizing the likelihood of significant adverse impacts. Those who work for companies in the upstream value chain, which is resource-intensive and sometimes linked to governance issues in the countries where the resources are mined or processed, could be potentially affected. Workers employed by companies in AMG's downstream value chain were not considered to be at risk of material negative impacts. AMG's influence and leverage are likely to be limited due to the nature of its products and its position within the overall value chain. Joint ventures or special purpose vehicles in which AMG participates are typically in the early stages and do not involve many of the company's own workers or workers in the value chain, resulting in a low likelihood of significant negative impacts. Workers who are particularly vulnerable to negative impacts (within the prior categories or additionally), have not yet been identified. (ESRS 2.S2-ESRS 2 SBM-3, 11 (a) i-v)

(b) No significant risk of child labor, or of forced labor or compulsory labor, among workers in AMG's value chain

While recognizing the potentially vulnerable situation of workers in AMG's supply chain and the potential for significant negative impacts on them and risks to AMG, the risk of child, forced or compulsory labor is considered minimal. Through the AMG Supplier Code of Conduct and Corporate Values, AMG demonstrates a strong commitment to its business partners. However, when considering leverage, it is apparent that entire metal and critical material supply chains are complex and are potentially critical. They cannot be effectively managed by one or a few companies alone and involve a variety of different stakeholders, such as states, investors, miners, smelters, transporters, or metal exchanges and others besides the workers on the ground. With a global reach supply chains often span multiple countries, each with different regulations, labor standards, and enforcement capabilities. In contrast, AMG's own operations and business activities are more directly under its control, allowing for more effective management and positive influence. (ESRS 2.S2-ESRS 2 SBM-3, 11 (b))

- » For additional information, please refer to the value chain description on page 66 and the governance section, which does not mention any reports.
- (c) Regarding potential material negative impacts

With respect to workers in the supply chain, potential negative impacts regarding five sub-sub-topics were identified in the double materiality assessment, see also elaboration in IRO-2 on page 77. In the case of the potential impact associated with the sub-subtopic "forced labor" in the short and mid term, negative impact on workers in the supply chain could potentially take place through exposure of workers in locations where there are circumstances of forced labor. For "diversity" also in the short and mid term, we see a potential negative impact on workers in the supply chain related to the lack of equal treatment and opportunities for all. For "adequate wages" in the short, mid and long term, negative impact on workers in the supply chain could potentially appear through working conditions which have a lack of employment terms that provide adequate wages. For "collective bargaining and freedom of association" in the short and mid term, potentially workers in the supply chain could negatively be impacted through employment terms that have a lack of opportunities for workers to engage in collective bargaining and social dialogue as well as freedom of association. In terms of "health and safety", a potential negative impact in the short term has been identified with respect to supply chain workers and their physical health and safety from unsafe situations that can result in injury or work-related illness. This potential negative impact is covered in the Supplier Code of Conduct, which requires suppliers to establish internal programs to protect the health and safety of their staff. The potentially material negative impacts identified, we see as (i) systemic in the context of metals and mining context AMG operates and therefore has sourcing or business relationships. The mining of metals and minerals is considered as a supply chain element

that also due to its global activities can potentially imply negative impacts on workers. AMG is as critical materials company proud of its contribution to the market, while well aware that at the same time critical materials are subject of specific legislation that aims to improve working conditions and environmental protection. (ESRS 2.S2-ESRS 2 SBM-3, 11 (c)) We have not engaged with our otherwise evaluated impacts to our value chain workers from climate-related transition risks. (ESRS 2.S2-ESRS 2 SBM-3, 11 (c))

#### (e) Potential material risks

AMG has identified forced labor as a potential material risk on short term in its value chains, particularly in the metals and mining sectors, based on an abstract analysis by referring to the European political debate to regulate the minerals and metals sector. This risk could lead to increased compliance costs due to the need for additional human rights measures to meet regulatory requirements. Furthermore, AMG may face litigation costs, fines, or penalties for potential labor law violations, and could suffer lost revenue due to reputational damage from human rights violations in the deeper value chain. These issues could harm AMG's ability to maintain existing business relationships, develop new ones, and attract talent. Business process disruptions resulting from the unavailability of workers in the value chain could also lead to revenue loss. Potential forced labor in AMG's value chains could cause serious harm to stakeholders and damage the company's reputation. Currently, these risks are associated with workers further down the value chain, where AMG has minimal influence. To date, we have not differentiated between types of value chain workers concerning material risks. (ESRS 2.S2-ESRS 2 SBM-3, 11 (e), 13)

» More on General Disclosures SBM-3 on page 69.

# Impact, risk and opportunities management

In accordance with the social ESRS provisions on the interaction with other ESRS standards, and recognizing that social standards should be considered in conjunction with both the general ESRS and other material social standards that address different stakeholder groups, namely AMG's own workforce, workers in the value chain and affected communities policy information is provided in the ESRS 2 disclosure's overview, at the beginning of the social information section when it is not specific to one of the concerned material stakeholder groups and only specific additional information is provided in the respective sections of S1, S2 or S3.

» See table on MDR-P in ESRS 2 on page 78. See elaborations on AMG's human rights policy in section S1.1 on page 98. (ESRS S2.1, AR13)

#### S2-1 — Policies related to value chain workers

Several AMG policies support the management of material impacts on workers in AMG's value chain, in particular upstream workforce. (ESRS S2.1, 11, 14, 16, MDR-P) Regarding the social IROs these are namely AMG's Code of Conduct, Diversity & Inclusion Policy, Human Rights Policy, Health & Safety, Speak Up & Reporting Policy, Stakeholder Engagement Policy and Supplier Code of Conduct.

» See sections on the AMG Code of Business Conduct, Supplier Code of Conduct, Speak Up & Reporting Policy in Governance under <u>G-1.1</u> on <u>page 110</u>, <u>table on MDR-P in ESRS 2</u> on <u>page 78</u>, <u>introductory section under Social Information</u> on <u>page 93</u> as well as information on Human Rights Policy, Diversity & Inclusion Policy and Health and Safety Policy in <u>S-1</u> on <u>page 98</u> and the AMG Stakeholder Engagement Policy in <u>Social</u> on <u>page 93</u>. (ESRS S2.1 14, 16, MDR-P)

### S2-2 — Processes for engaging with value chain workers about impacts

Due to the very decentralized nature of its business, AMG has not adopted a general company-wide process to engage with workers in the value chain. It is up to the different business units to define the most adequate process for their respective situation regarding workers in their specific value chain. With the updated Supplier Code of Conduct and Human Rights policy we are preparing a common framework for further processes. (ESRS S2.2, 24)

## S2-3 — Processes to remediate negative impacts and channels for value chain workers to raise concerns

A key component of AMG's grievance mechanisms is AMG's Speak Up & Reporting Policy. (ESRS \$2.3, 25) Employees and third parties, including value chain workers, are encouraged to use the Speak Up Portal, a phone and web-based tool, to raise concerns, also on an anonymous basis. This may include, but is not limited to, all (social) issues of various levels of concern. The number of reported cases is regularly benchmarked against reputable and publicly accessible benchmark reports to assess effectiveness and promote a Speak Up culture. Awareness among value chain workers has not yet been assessed. (ESRS \$2.3, 28)

» For detailed information on the Speak Up & Reporting Policy, including the Speak Up portal, process, and non-retaliation provisions please refer to section G1-1 on page 110 (ESRS S2.3, 25, 27 (a-d))

#### S2-4 — Taking action on material impacts on value chain workers, and approaches to material risks and effectiveness

AMG is committed to upholding its core Values and following the principles in the <u>AMG Code of Business Conduct</u> and has established the <u>AMG Supplier Code of Conduct</u> as our supplier relationships are essential in building economic value and promoting social and environmental best practices. AMG is committed to conducting its business ethically, sustainably, and responsibly. (ESRS \$2.4, 30) No severe human rights issues and incidents connected to AMG's upstream and downstream value chain have been reported in 2024. (ESRS \$2.4, 36)

As laid out <u>earlier</u>, our company operates through local business units, which we trust to know best what is needed and should be prioritized locally. We are in a phase of assessment and redefining our actions regarding our material IROs.Our aim is to continuously improve, while leaving the necessary room for local priorities and ways, to be as consistent as possible and to respect local needs. Our group-wide global social networks will support further development and offer a chance to learn from each other's best-practice. Currently, we have not yet established or planned actions for this matter, we cannot report on comprehensive action plans regarding identified material potential negative impacts or risks regarding the workers in our value chain nor do we have a list of key actions with expected outcomes and its contributions to AMG's policies and necessary expenditures. While we have updated the AMG Supplier Code of Conduct, we cannot yet detail approaches for our own practices. (ESRS S2.4, 31, 32 (a), (d), 34, 35, 37, AR28, AR38), (ESRS MDR-A, 66, 68 (a)-(e), AR22, 69 (a)-(c), AR23). We are considering ways to improve our methods for identifying suitable actions to address potential negative impacts on value chain workers. This involves assessing internal practices, evaluating the availability and effectiveness of remedy processes, and exploring a tighter integration with current risk management systems. (ESRS S2.4, 30, 33 (a) - (c), AR43). The allocated resources are largely decentralized and part of the internal decision-making processes of individual business units. (ESRS S2.4, 38)

» See for focus on policy activities elaboration in S1-4 actions on page 99

## **Metrics & Targets**

#### S2-5 — Targets related to managing material negative impacts and managing material risks

Until now and due to the decentralized business structure of AMG in addition to its diverse global value chain(s) in the different businesses, AMG has not set any outcome-oriented targets regarding workers in the value chain. This does not imply that AMG does not take any potential negative impacts on workers in the value chain seriously. (ESRS \$2.5)

The effectiveness of AMG's policies in relation to workers in the value chain is currently tracked in the same manner as other AMG policies. AMG is reviewing whether a feasible system can be developed to allow the units to annually report on the effectiveness of AMG's policies. (MDR-T, 72, 79 d), 81 b)

# S3 — Affected Communities

# Strategy

# S3 SBM-3 — Material impacts, risks and opportunities and their interaction with strategy and business model

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"Local employment opportunities" is identified as both material impact on short, mid and long term basis for the communities and creating a material opportunity in the mid term for AMG. AMG focuses on hiring locally, where suitable. This creates a positive impact on the workers and provides an opportunity to AMG as to have local workers available.

The potential impacts on affected communities originate from or are connected to the AMG's strategy and business model as a mining and metals company based on strong AMG Values. This, among other factors, also informs and contributes to adapting the AMG's strategy and business model. In addition, the relationship between AMG's material opportunities from positive impacts and dependencies on affected communities, and its strategy and business model, is due to the sector in which AMG operates having strong hand print, i.e. positive impacts, on the local communities. (ESRS \$3-ESRS 2 SBM-3, 8 (a-b), AR 3)

All communities likely to be materially impacted by its operations are included within the scope of its disclosure under ESRS 2. This encompasses impacts directly associated with the undertaking's own operations, as well as those arising from its value chain, products, services, and business relationships. (ESRS S3-ESRS 2 SBM-3, 9)

## a) Types of communities subject to material impacts

The identified potential positive material impact of "local employment opportunities" is on local communities and local economy by way of providing local employment opportunities and thereby supporting the living conditions and the opportunity for AMG by a potential increase in revenue due to a positive impact on the reputation of AMG as a result of providing more employment opportunities. It is identified for communities living or working around the undertaking's operating sites, factories, facilities or other physical operations, or more remote communities affected by activities at those sites. It was not identified as material for communities along the undertaking's value chain or communities at one or both endpoints of the value chain. (ESRS S3-ESRS 2 SBM-3, 9 (a))

#### (c) Regarding material positive impacts

AMG contributes positively to communities as a whole and individuals in the community by maintaining enduring and healthy relationships with the communities. Some of AMG's businesses have operated for more than a century, have employed generations of families, and are a significant component of their communities and local economies. (ESRS S3-ESRS 2 SBM-3, 9 (c))

#### (d) Potential material opportunities for AMG

The identified potential opportunity for AMG of "Local employment opportunities" may lead to increased revenue from business growth due to having a local workforce that has all skills to meet business and strategic objectives, the ability to attract, develop and retain diverse talent pool with skills and background that can foster innovation and creativity and may lead to decrease in operational costs to attract and retain new talents outside the workforce. (ESRS S3-ESRS 2 SBM-3, 9 (d))

The potential opportunity arises from communities living or working around the undertaking's operating sites, factories, facilities or other physical operations, or more remote communities affected by activities at those sites rather than to communities along the undertaking's value chain or communities at one or both endpoints of the value chain. (ESRS S3-ESRS 2 SBM-3, 11)

» More on General Disclosures SBM-3 on page 70.

# Impact, risk and opportunities management

In accordance with the social ESRS provisions on the interaction with other ESRS standards, and recognizing that social standards should be considered in conjunction with both the general ESRS and other material social standards that address different stakeholder groups, namely AMG's own workforce, workers in the value chain and affected communities policy information is provided in the ESRS 2 disclosure's overview, at the beginning of the social information section when it is not specific to one of the concerned material stakeholder groups and only specific additional information is provided in the respective sections of S1, S2 or S3.

» See table on MDR-P in ESRS 2 on page 78. See elaborations on AMG's human rights policy in section S on page 93. (ESRS S3.1. 18)

#### S3-1 — Policies related to affected communities

To support the management of significant impacts on workers in AMG's value chain, particularly the upstream workers, several AMG policies are implemented. (ESRS \$3.1, 12, 14, MDR-P) AMG's policies help manage addressing material impacts on affected communities include Diversity & Inclusion Policy, Human Rights Policy, Supplier Code of Conduct, Stakeholder Engagement Policy, and Speak Up & Reporting Policy. AMG considers not only local communities but also indigenous peoples in the regions where it operates. (ESRS S3.1, 15)

» See sections on the AMG Code of Business Conduct, Supplier Code of Conduct, Speak Up & Reporting Policy in Governance under <u>G-1.1</u> on <u>page 110</u>, <u>table on MDR-P in ESRS 2</u> on <u>page 78</u>, <u>introductory section under Social Information</u> on <u>page 93</u> as well as information on Human Rights Policy, Diversity & Inclusion Policy in <u>S-1</u> on <u>page 98</u> and the AMG Stakeholder Engagement Policy in <u>Social</u> on <u>page 93</u> (ESRS S3.1 12, 14, MDR-P).

#### S3-2 — Processes for engaging with affected communities about impacts

AMG has not yet adopted a general company-wide process to engage with affected communities due to its very decentralized corporate set-up as well as the by definition very specifically locally communities that need and are handled on the local level in a way seen as adequate and necessary by the local business in line with the AMG's expectations as expressed in AMG's Values and policies. (ESRS S3.2, 24)

## S3-3 — Processes to remediate negative impacts and channels for affected communities to raise concerns No negative material impacts were identified. (ESRS S3.3)

» More on Speak Up in the Governance section on page 110.

#### S3-4 — Taking action on material impacts on affected communities and material opportunities and effectiveness

Affected communities live around our local business operations. This is related to AMG's governance structure, as discussed out <u>earlier</u>. AMG operates through local business units, which we believe to know best what local needs and priorities are. We also fully trust our local business units to make a positive impact on the communities around our manufacturing sites by providing local employment opportunities and thereby supporting livelihoods in a decentralized manner. As a result, we have not established AMG-wide action plans or allocated centralized resources to manage our material impacts or opportunities, nor do we track their effectiveness at the AMG Group level. (ESRS \$3.4, 30, 31, 32 (c), (d), AR36, 34 (b), 38, MDR-A) No human rights issues or incidents connected to affected communities have been reported. (ESRS \$3.4, 36)

At this time, we do not see the value in implementing an AMG-wide action plan on affected communities that aligns with the ESRS disclosure standards. However, we would like to highlight one of our best practices. This also relates to the opportunity for AMG to ensure a stable and long-term relationship for employees in the company and to support good neighborhoods with the communities. We believe this example is relevant to both our users of sustainability reporting and to individuals potentially affected.

As an example, we provide a brief overview of the positive impact we have assessed on the local communities surrounding our mining and production operations in Minas Gerais, Brazil, which presents opportunities for us as a company. At AMG Brazil, approximately 70% of our workforce is recruited from the local communities surrounding our São João del-Rei plant and Nazareno mine, establishing us as a reliable local employer. Our recruitment strategy leverages advanced HR software to attract top talent, manage candidate data and streamline operations, improving the candidate experience and reinforcing our local commitment. We also benefit from having access to a dedicated local workforce. In 2024, AMG hosted two technical training sessions for about 40 community members and organized open house days that allowed around 150 students from local schools and universities to visit our facilities. In addition, AMG's apprenticeship program, which exceeds Brazilian legal requirements, offers local youth the opportunity to learn a trade and gain their first work experience.

#### **Metrics & Targets**

#### S3-5 — Targets related to advancing positive impacts and managing material risks and opportunities

AMG has not set targets regarding affected communities. Currently the effectiveness of policies and actions in relation to the material opportunity "local employment opportunities" regarding affected communities is not tracked. The reason is the very decentralized structure of AMG and regarding the affected communities the very localized specific nature of any interaction. AMG's defined level of ambition to evaluate the process, including the base period which progress is measured needs to be clarified yet. The effectiveness of AMG's policies in relation to affected communities is currently tracked in the same manner as other AMG policies. AMG is reviewing whether a feasible system can be developed, including metrics, to allow the units to annually report on the effectiveness of AMG's policies. (ESRS \$3.5, MDR-T, 72, 79 (d), 81 (b))

## **Governance Information**

Governance related, AMG has identified three key material (sub-)topics, i.e., corporate culture, protection of whistleblowers and anti-corruption and bribery. The following section presents essential information relevant to these material topics aligned with ESRS disclosure requirements. <a href="IRO-1">IRO-1</a> highlights all relevant criteria used in the process to identify material impacts, risks and opportunities in relation to business conduct matters. (ESRS 2 G1 IRO1 6)

#### **Table G1 Material governance matters**

Material topic	Impact type	Material impact, risk or opportunity	Location	Time horizon of impact
Corporate culture	Actual	Positive impact society, employees, customers, shareholders, and suppliers through behaviors that support transparent and sustainable business practices to the benefit of all stakeholders.	Own operations	Long term
Protection of whistleblowers	Actual	Negative impact on employees, customers, suppliers, investors through non-compliance with whistleblower protection guidelines.	Own operations	Long term
Corruption & bribery	Potential	The risk of financial loss or damage to AMG reputation caused by failure to comply with regulations regarding anti-corruption, anti-trust and anti-bribery due to the increasing complexity of regulations, significant business growth and presence into more countries.	Own operations	Mid term

#### G1 — Business Conduct

#### Governance

#### G1 GOV-1 — The role of the administrative, supervisory and management bodies

Senior management plays an essential role in ensuring ethical business conduct at AMG. The Management Board drives implementation and adherence to AMG's (business conduct) policies and AMG Values, while the Supervisory Board oversees and advises on compliance and risk management. Details on these roles in relation to business conduct can be found in the relevant Corporate Governance and Supervisory Board sections in the Annual Report. (ESRS 2 GOV-1, G1 5)

#### Impact, risk and opportunity management

#### G1-1 — Business conduct policies and corporate culture

AMG endeavors to maintain a robust culture of compliance, mirroring AMG's emphasis on business ethics to manage and mitigate our risks and secure a sustainable future. We foster this culture through comprehensive policies, a consistent tone from the top, systematic compliance processes and group-wide training, as further detailed below. In addition, AMG actively participates in the United Nations Global Compact, a strategic policy initiative aligning businesses with ten Principles on human rights, labor, the environment, and anti-bribery and corruption. Since 2009, AMG's Management Board has committed to these principles, reaffirming support annually.

#### Policy framework

AMG's comprehensive business conduct policy framework includes, amongst others, the AMG's <u>Code of Business Conduct</u> ("the COBC") and AMG's Values, <u>Speak Up & Reporting Policy</u> ("Speak Up Policy"), <u>Anti-bribery, anti-corruption and conflicts of interest Policy</u> ("ABC Policy"), and <u>Supplier Code of Conduct</u>. This framework is designed to create awareness within AMG regarding various business conduct topics, to give insight into the behavior that is expected when doing business, but also to identify, report, and investigate concerns about unlawful or non-compliant behavior, as detailed later in this section.

The AMG COBC including AMG's Values set out the principles that serve to guide the actions of all employees to make the right decisions and resolve ethical issues that may be encountered. These principles promote AMG and its third parties in doing the right thing. The AMG Speak Up Policy provides guidance for every employee or third party on how to voice concerns relating to compliance or suspected misconduct and to do so in confidence and without fear of retaliation. AMG's ABC Policy, further detailed in section G1-3 and consistent with the United Nations Convention Against Corruption (UNCAC), ensures business integrity, compliance with relevant laws, and the prevention of conflicts of interest, bribery, and corruption. AMG's Supplier Code of Conduct promotes ethical, sustainable and responsible practices among suppliers. Policy details are outlined in Table MDR-P.

Figure G1-1 AMG Values



#### Tone from the top

Top leadership consistently reinforces the message that adherence to ethics and compliance standards is expected. To illustrate this, in the introduction of AMG's COBC, our Chairman of the Management Board asserts that honesty, integrity, and accountability are the foundations on which AMG is built and essential components of AMG's success. Further, the Management Board displays its tone from the top on business conduct through AMG Loop, a magazine that is distributed throughout the AMG organization every month. (ESRS G1.1, 7, 9, AR 1)

#### Compliance processes and speaking up

The Chief Compliance Officer reports to the CEO of AMG Critical Materials NV and regularly reports to the Supervisory Board about the performance against AMG's COBC, the number of reports filed and nature of the reports filed, employee awareness of the COBC, as well as any prospective changes. (ESRS G1.1, 9, AR 1)

Identify — AMG's Chief Compliance Officer looks for trends related to incidents, new regulations, or compliance challenges to identify opportunities for improvement. While our legal and compliance functions regularly visit, as needed, our local group companies to provide compliance support, AMG also relies on a network of external legal and other subject matter experts who advise us on material changes to local and global regulations concerning business conduct risks. Fraud risks are continuously monitored by the Management Board and the Internal Audit function together with the key finance managers of the units, to review the proper operation of the controls framework, with regular reporting to the Audit & Risk Management Committee. This is monitored through the quarterly risk report that is shared by the Management Board with the Audit & Risk Management Committee, which shares its findings with the Supervisory Board. (ESRS G1.1, 10(a))

Report — The Speak Up procedure, outlined in the Speak Up Policy, enables AMG to investigate business conduct incidents, including incidents of corruption and bribery, promptly, independently and objectively. (ESRS G1.1, 10(e)) AMG encourages speaking up among all employees and third parties by promoting awareness of the Speak Up Policy and providing clear guidance on the various methods and processes to raise concerns. The Speak Up & Reporting Policy is available on AMG's corporate website in six languages and on local websites in the respective languages. Further, a poster explaining the Speak Up procedure and means is displayed at AMG sites worldwide and all employees have received an email on the Speak Up Policy. In addition, in 2024, AMG introduced its 'Speak Up Portal', alongside existing reporting channels through local Compliance Officers or the Chief Compliance Officer, via email or phone. The online portal allows employees and external parties to report easily and anonymously by scanning a QR code or filing a report online. Reports may also be submitted through local HR, (who refer them to) Compliance Officers, the Chief Compliance Officer or the Speak Up Portal. (ESRS G1.1, 10(a))

Investigate and respond — The Chief Compliance Officer, along with the local Compliance Officers, handles speak up cases in accordance with the procedure outlined in the Speak Up Policy, which adheres to strict principles of confidentiality, objectivity, timely response, anonymity and non-retaliation. Local Compliance Officers inform the Chief Compliance Officer of a new case and discuss the appropriate handler. A report submitted via the Speak Up Portal is directed to the Chief Compliance Officer, who reviews the case and assigns it to the relevant Compliance Officer or handles it directly. The Chief Compliance Officer, in close collaboration with local Compliance Officers (if applicable), will determine on a case-by-case basis whether and how an investigation should proceed. This may involve interviews, financial assessments, or the engagement of external counsel, if deemed necessary. The outcome of any investigation is communicated back to the reporter. (ESRS G1.1, 10(a, c, e)) Currently, the company assesses awareness and trust in the AMG Values and COBC through its annual employee survey. (ESRS G1.1, 9)

The Management Board, with support from the Chief Compliance Officer, monitors the overall effectiveness of the AMG COBC. There are no other procedures, other than as set out herein and AMG's Management Board employing an Internal Audit function that monitors business conduct incidents, including incidents of corruption and bribery, on a regular basis. (ESRS G1.1, 10(c))

#### **Protection of whistleblowers**

As set out in the Speak Up Policy, any form of threat or retaliation against the reporter is not tolerated. Retaliation against reporters is treated as a violation of AMG's COBC and may result in disciplinary measures. AMG protects reporters by offering anonymous reporting, access to the independent external Speak Up Portal, a strict non-retaliation policy, and fostering a safe work environment for addressing internal issues. Our policy on the protection of whistleblowers is in line with the legal requirements with regard to the protection of whistleblowers following the EU Directive 2019/1937. (ESRS G1.1, 10(c))

#### **Business conduct training**

Continuous mandatory training programs, and updates thereof, are provided by AMG to its management and employees to ensure appropriate business conduct, in the following manner:

**Full organization** — AMG trains all employees on its COBC, which includes AMG's Values and the Speak Up Policy and procedure. New employees complete the online COBC course, receive a copy during their HR onboarding and are inducted by the local Compliance Officer on the COBC and Speak Up Policy. All employees receive refresher training at least every three (3) years, either online or by way of onsite meetings.

**Functions at risk** — Every three (3) years, functions at risk receive anti-trust & competition law and anti-bribery & corruption training (see also <u>GOV 1-3</u>). Functions at risk are identified by AMG as all functions, including management staff, relating to sales, after-sales and purchasing who are likely to maintain regular contact with representatives of customers and suppliers, as well as all staff functions interacting with government or regulatory agencies as part of their work. (ESRS G1.1, 10(h))

**Local Compliance Officers** — Local Compliance Officers are trained on the Speak Up Policy, procedures, and the Speak Up Portal for handling reports they receive - in close cooperation with the Chief Compliance Officer. They receive refresher training annually. (ESRS G1.1, 10(g))

#### G1-3 — Prevention and detection of corruption and bribery

At AMG, we do not to tolerate any form of bribery, facilitation payments, fraud, or any other form of misconduct arising from a conflict of interest, such as insider dealing, the offering of excessive or otherwise inappropriate gifts and hospitality. AMG's key procedures to prevent, detect, investigate and respond to allegations or incidents of corruption and bribery are outlined below and further detailed in this section. In summary, AMG (1) prevents misconduct by acting lawfully and enforcing the AMG Values, the AMG COBC, ABC Policy, and Supplier Code of Conduct; (2) detects misconduct through internal controls, the Speak Up Policy and Portal; and (3) investigates and responds to misconduct through the Compliance network and Speak Up procedure. (ESRS G1.3, 18(a) AR 5,6.)

#### 1) Prevent

Compliance with laws and regulations — Regardless of potentially differing local manners and traditions, it is the policy of AMG to conduct all of its business transactions in accordance with the AMG COBC and the ABC Policy, as well as to comply with all applicable anti-bribery laws, including but not limited to the UK's Bribery Act 2010, the US Foreign Corrupt Practices Act, and all applicable laws where AMG transacts business. Local laws and regulations may set stricter requirements in which case AMG will comply with these stricter local requirements. AMG regularly reviews the policies to ensure compliance with all applicable laws and regulations.

**Policy awareness** — A cornerstone of AMG's COBC is AMG's ABC Policy. A separate chapter of the AMG COBC is dedicated to acting with integrity and specifically targets anti-bribery, anti-corruption and conflict of interest and includes a reference to the ABC Policy. Training is provided to all employees and targeted audiences, as detailed at the end of this section. Both the ABC Policy and COBC are published on the AMG Corporate website and translated into local languages of AMG group companies. New employees are also introduced to the AMG COBC and ABC Policy by the local Compliance Officer, as stated in G1-1. AMG employees are obligated to follow the ABC Policy, must ensure that they have read and understood the ABC Policy, any related documents and all training or other anti-bribery information distributed by AMG, and avoid any activities that could possibly breach this Policy or might be perceived as such. (ESRS G1.3, 20)

**AMG Supplier Code of Conduct** — AMG wants to conduct business with companies and organizations that share the AMG Values. AMG therefor makes good efforts to extend its AMG's Supplier Code of Conduct to its business partners and associates (e.g., suppliers, joint venture partners, agents, brokers, consultants, converters, distributors, and representatives, including persons or firms who are likely to have contact with such partners). The AMG Supplier Code of Conduct has been translated in several languages and local units have posted a link to the Supplier Code of Conduct on their local websites. In addition, the units have shared AMG's Supplier Code of Conduct with their main suppliers and service providers.

#### 2) Detect

**Accurate books and records** — Consistent with AMG's Corporate Financial Policies, including but not limited to the Controllership and Financial Reporting, and Travel and Entertainment Sections, it is AMG's policy to accurately reflect all transactions in AMG's books and records, which are checked by internal and external auditors.

**Internal controls framework** — Bribery, corruption and fraud risks are continuously monitored by the Management Board and the Internal Audit function together with the key finance managers of the units, reviewing the proper operation of the internal controls framework, with regular reporting to the Audit & Risk Management Committee of the Supervisory Board.

**Speak Up** — All AMG employees are expected to speak up when observing any suspected irregularities as soon as possible to their operational and finance manager and/or the relevant AMG Compliance Officer by following the Speak Up Policy.

#### 3) Investigate and respond

Compliance network and Speak Up procedure — In the event of any issue concerning a potential incident of bribery or corruption, the Chief Compliance Officer assisted by a team of local Compliance Officers, will be the main person handling, investigating and responding to any allegation or issue, all in accordance with the AMG Speak Up Policy, see G1-1. The Chief Compliance Officer reports regularly to the Chairman of the Management Board on any speak up case, including cases involving bribery or corruption. (ESRS G1.3, 18(c))

The Chief Compliance Officer acts independently and separately from the chain of management, including the Management Board and Supervisory Board, in exercising his duties. (ESRS G1.3, 18(b)) Should any issue concern any member of the Management Board or Supervisory Board, then it shall be reported either directly to the Chief Compliance Officer or through the Speak Up Portal. Should a report be filed with the local Compliance Officer, he/she shall direct such report straight to the Chief Compliance Officer. The Chief Compliance Officer informs the Chairman of the respective board about the report and the reporting date, maintaining confidentiality, unless the report concerns the Chairman. All suspected irregularities involving any local Compliance Officer shall be reported directly to the Chief Compliance Officer, or in the case that the irregularity concerns the Chief Compliance Officer, to the Chairman of the Management Board, who shall ensure that appropriate action is taken in line with the procedures set out in the Speak Up Policy. (ESRS G1.3, 18(c))

#### Training on corruption and bribery

AMG's anti-bribery & corruption (ABC) training covers an introduction by the CEO on the AMG Values and ABC Policy, a definition of bribes, corporate bribes, examples, ABC Policy outline, Speak Up Policy, laws and regulations, scenarios on job offers, facilitation payments, third party agents, maintaining accurate books and a quiz to test knowledge. (ESRS G1-3.21(a)) Periodic training is provided to relevant AMG employees, in the following manner:

- All employees undergo training on ABC topics through the AMG COBC online training course, provided during induction and subsequently at least every three (3) years (see <u>G1-1</u>).
- Functions at risk, as defined under <u>G1-1</u>, receive regular training on the matters referred to in the ABC Policy. All functions at risk have been subject to ABC training in 2024. (ESRS G1-3, 21(b))
- Members of the Management Board and the management of the units within AMG have been subject to training programs in 2024. (ESRS G1.3, 21(c))

#### Metrics

#### G1-4 — Incidents of corruption or bribery

There have been no incidents of convictions or fines for violation of anti-corruption and anti-bribery laws, and no breaches of procedures and standards. There have not been any incidents of corruption or bribery, also no reported incidents relating to contracts with business partners or public cases brought against the company or its workers. (ESRS G1.4, 24-26)

## **Annex Sustainability Statement**

## Table IRO-2b EU legislation datapoint reference table

Datapoint	SFDR reference	Pillar 3 reference	Benchmark Regulation reference	EU Climate Law	AMG materiality <sup>1</sup>
Zauponi	Regulation (EU) 2019/2088 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 27 November 2019 on sustainability-related disclosures in the financial services sector (Sustainable Finance Disclosures Regulation) (OJ L 317, 9.12.2019, p. 1).	Regulation (EU) No 575/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of	Regulation (EU) 2016/1011 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 8 June 2016 on indices used as benchmarks in financial instruments and financial contracts or to measure the performance of	Regulation (EU) 2021/1119 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 30 June 2021 establishing the framework for achieving climate	, and materiality
ESRS 2 GOV-1 Board's gender diversity paragraph 21 (d)	Indicator number 13 of Table #1 of Annex 1		Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2020/1816 (27), Annex II		Yes, page 71
ESRS 2 GOV-1 Percentage of board members who are independent paragraph 21 (e)			Delegated Regulation (EU) 2020/1816, Annex II		Yes, page 71
ESRS 2 GOV-4 Statement on due diligence paragraph 30	Indicator number 10 Table #3 of Annex 1				Yes, page 72
ESRS 2 SBM-1 Involvement in activities related to chemical production paragraph 40 (d) ii	Indicator number 9 Table #2 of Annex 1		Delegated Regulation (EU) 2020/1816, Annex II		Not material
ESRS 2 SBM-1 Involvement in activities related to controversial weapons paragraph 40 (d) iii	Indicator number 14 Table #1 of Annex 1		Delegated Regulation (EU) 2020/1818 (29), Article 12(1) Delegated Regulation (EU) 2020/1816, Annex II		Not material
ESRS 2 SBM-1 Involvement in activities related to cultivation and production of tobacco paragraph 40 (d) iv			Delegated Regulation (EU) 2020/1818, Article 12(1) Delegated Regulation (EU) 2020/1816, Annex II		Not material
ESRS E1-1 Transition plan to reach climate neutrality by 2050 paragraph 14				Regulation (EU) 2021/1119, Article 2(1)	Yes, page 86
ESRS E1-1 Undertakings excluded from Paris- aligned Benchmarks paragraph 16 (g)		Article 449a Regulation (EU) No 575/2013; Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2022/2453 Template 1: Banking book-Climate Change transition risk: Credit quality of exposures by sector, emissions and residual maturity	Delegated Regulation (EU) 2020/1818, Article12.1 (d) to (g), and Article 12.2		Yes, page 86

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Allifex II	of the benchmark portfolio to climate-related physical risks			(EU) 2020/1818, Annex II Delegated Regulation		Not material

Datapoint	SFDR reference	Pillar 3 reference	Benchmark Regulation reference	EU Climate Law reference	AMG materiality <sup>1</sup>
ESRS E1-9 Disaggregation of monetary amounts by acute and chronic physical risk paragraph 66 (a)		Article 449a Regulation (EU) No 575/2013; Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2022/2453 paragraphs 46 and 47; Template 5: Banking book - Climate change physical risk: Exposures subject to physical risk.			Not material
ESRS E1-9 Location of significant assets at material physical risk paragraph 66 (c).					Not material
ESRS E1-9 Breakdown of the carrying value of its real estate assets by energy-efficiency classes paragraph 67 (c).		Article 449a Regulation (EU) No 575/2013; Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2022/2453 paragraph 34;Template 2:Banking book - Climate change transition risk: Loans collateralised by immovable property - Energy efficiency of the collateral			Not material
ESRS E1-9 Degree of exposure of the portfolio to climate- related opportunities paragraph 69			Delegated Regulation (EU) 2020/1818, Annex II		Yes, page 92
ESRS E2-4 Amount of each pollutant listed in Annex II of the E- PRTR Regulation (European Pollutant Release and Transfer Register) emitted to air, water and soil, paragraph 28	Table #1 of Annex 1 Indicator number 2 Table #2 of Annex 1 Indicator number 1				Not material
ESRS E3-1 Water and marine resources paragraph 9	Indicator number 7 Table #2 of Annex 1				Not material
ESRS E3-1 Dedicated policy paragraph 13	Indicator number 8 Table 2 of Annex 1				Not material
ESRS E3-1 Sustainable oceans and seas paragraph 14	Indicator number 12 Table #2 of Annex 1				Not material
ESRS E3-4 Total water recycled and reused paragraph 28 (c)	Indicator number 6.2 Table #2 of Annex 1				Not material
ESRS E3-4 Total water consumption in m3 per net revenue on own operations paragraph 29	Indicator number 6.1 Table #2 of Annex 1				Not material
ESRS 2- IRO 1 - E4 paragraph 16 (a) i	Indicator number 7 Table #1 of Annex 1				Not material
ESRS 2- IRO 1 - E4 paragraph 16 (b)	Indicator number 10 Table #2 of Annex 1				Not material
ESRS 2- IRO 1 - E4 paragraph 16 (c)	Indicator number 14 Table #2 of Annex 1				Not material

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Datapoint	SFDR reference	Pillar 3 reference	Benchmark Regulation reference	EU Climate Law reference	AMG materiality <sup>1</sup>
ESRS E4-2 Sustainable land / agriculture practices or policies paragraph 24 (b)	Indicator number 11 Table #2 of Annex 1				Not material
ESRS E4-2 Sustainable oceans / seas practices or policies paragraph 24 c)	Indicator number 12 Table #2 of Annex 1				Not material
ESRS E4-2 Policies to address deforestation paragraph 24 (d)	Indicator number 15 Table #2 of Annex 1				Not material
ESRS E5-5 Non- recycled waste paragraph 37 (d)	Indicator number 13 Table #2 of Annex 1				Not material
ESRS E5-5 Hazardous waste and adioactive waste paragraph 39	Indicator number 9 Table #1 of Annex 1				Not material
ESRS 2- SBM3 - S1 Risk of incidents of forced labor paragraph 14 (f)	Indicator number 13 Table #3 of Annex I				Yes, page 97
SRS 2- SBM3 - S1 Risk of incidents of child labor paragraph 4 (g)	Indicator number 12 Table #3 of Annex I				Yes, page 97
ESRS S1-1 Human ights policy commitments paragraph 20	Indicator number 9 Table #3 and Indicator number 11 Table #1 of Annex I				Yes, page 98
ESRS S1-1 Due diligence policies on ssues addressed by he fundamental nternational Labour Organisation Conventions 1 to 8, paragraph 21			Delegated Regulation (EU) 2020/1816, Annex II		Yes, page 98
ESRS S1-1 processes and measures for preventing trafficking in human beings paragraph 22	Indicator number 11 Table #3 of Annex I				Yes, page 98
ESRS S1-1 workplace accident prevention policy or management system paragraph 23	Indicator number 1 Table #3 of Annex I				Yes, page 103
ESRS S1-3 grievance/ complaints handling nechanisms paragraph 32 (c)	Indicator number 5 Table #3 of Annex I				Yes, page 110
ESRS S1-14 Number of fatalities and number and rate of work-related accidents paragraph 88 (b) and c)	Indicator number 2 Table #3 of Annex I		Delegated Regulation (EU) 2020/1816, Annex II		Yes, page 103
ESRS S1-14 Number of days lost to injuries, accidents, fatalities or llness paragraph 88 (e)	Indicator number 3 Table #3 of Annex I				Yes, page 103
ESRS S1-16 Jnadjusted gender pay gap paragraph 97 a)	Indicator number 12 Table #1 of Annex I		Delegated Regulation (EU) 2020/1816, Annex II		Not material
ESRS S1-16 Excessive CEO pay atio paragraph 97 (b)	Indicator number 8 Table #3 of Annex I				Not material

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Datapoint	SFDR reference	Pillar 3 reference	Benchmark Regulation reference	EU Climate Law reference	AMG materiality <sup>1</sup>
ESRS S1-17 Incidents of discrimination paragraph 103 (a)	Indicator number 7 Table #3 of Annex I				Not material
ESRS S1-17 Non- espect of UNGPs on Business and Human Rights and OECD paragraph 104 (a)	Indicator number 10 Table #1 and Indicator n. 14 Table #3 of Annex I		Delegated Regulation (EU) 2020/1816, Annex II Delegated Regulation (EU) 2020/1818 Art 12 (1)		Not material
SRS 2- SBM3 – S2 Significant risk of child abor or forced labor in the value chain paragraph 11 (b)	Indicators number 12 and n. 13 Table #3 of Annex I				Yes, page 105
SRS S2-1 Human ights policy ommitments aragraph 17	Indicator number 9 Table #3 and Indicator n. 11 Table #1 of Annex 1				Yes, page 98
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ESRS S2-1 Non- espect of UNGPs on Business and Human Rights principles and DECD guidelines paragraph 19	Indicator number 10 Table #1 of Annex 1		Delegated Regulation (EU) 2020/1816, Annex II Delegated Regulation (EU) 2020/1818, Art 12 (1)		Yes, page 95
SRS S2-1 Due illigence policies on ssues addressed by ne fundamental nternational Labour Organisation Conventions 1 to 8, naragraph 19			Delegated Regulation (EU) 2020/1816, Annex II		Yes, page 95
SRS S2-4 Human ghts issues and noidents connected to s upstream and ownstream value hain paragraph 36	Indicator number 14 Table #3 of Annex 1				Yes, page 107
SRS S3-1 Human ghts policy ommitments aragraph 16	Indicator number 9 Table #3 of Annex 1 and Indicator number 11 Table #1 of Annex 1				Yes, page 98
ESRS S3-1 non- espect of UNGPs on Business and Human Rights, ILO principles or and OECD Juidelines paragraph 7	Indicator number 10 Table #1 Annex 1		Delegated Regulation (EU) 2020/1816, Annex II Delegated Regulation (EU) 2020/1818, Art 12 (1)		Yes, page 95
ESRS S3-4 Human ights issues and ncidents paragraph 66	Indicator number 14 Table #3 of Annex 1				Yes, <u>page 109</u>
SRS S4-1 Policies elated to consumers nd end-users aragraph 16	Indicator number 9 Table #3 and Indicator number 11 Table #1 of Annex 1				Not material
SRS S4-1 Non- espect of UNGPs on dusiness and Human Rights and OECD uidelines paragraph 7	Indicator number 10 Table #1 of Annex 1		Delegated Regulation (EU) 2020/1816, Annex II Delegated Regulation (EU) 2020/1818, Art 12 (1)		Not material
ESRS S4-4 Human ights issues and ncidents paragraph	Indicator number 14 Table #3 of Annex 1				Not material

Datapoint	SFDR reference	Pillar 3 reference	Benchmark Regulation reference	EU Climate Law reference	AMG materiality <sup>1</sup>
ESRS G1-1 United Nations Convention against Corruption paragraph 10 (b)	Indicator number 15 Table #3 of Annex 1				Yes, page 110
ESRS G1-1 Protection of whistle- blowers paragraph 10 (d)	Indicator number 6 Table #3 of Annex 1				Yes, page 110
ESRS G1-4 Fines for violation of anti- corruption and anti- bribery laws paragraph 24 (a)	Indicator number 17 Table #3 of Annex 1		Delegated Regulation (EU) 2020/1816, Annex II)		Yes, page 113
ESRS G1-4 Standards of anti- corruption and anti- bribery paragraph 24 (b)	Indicator number 16 Table #3 of Annex 1				Yes, page 113

<sup>1)</sup> Page number refers to the section where the datapoint can be found.

# Corporate Governance

**Combined Management Report** 

AMG Critical Materials N.V. is a Dutch company located in the Netherlands which was established in 2006 as the holding company for the AMG group companies. Its shares were first listed on Euronext Amsterdam in July 2007.

In this report, the Company, as a Dutch listed company, sets forth its overall corporate governance structure and the extent to which it applies the provisions of the Dutch Corporate Governance Code. The previous code was issued on December 8, 2016 (the "2016 Code"). As of January 1, 2023, the 2022 Code (amended and issued on December 20, 2022) is effective in the Netherlands, replacing the 2016 Code. The company will report on 2024 taking into account the applicable 2022 Code. The Dutch Corporate Governance Code can be downloaded at www.mccg.nl.

As provided under the 2022 Code, the Company reviewed and updated its procedures and documentation in order to be compliant with the principles and best practice provisions set forth in the 2022 Code. The Supervisory Board and the Management Board, which are responsible for the corporate governance structure of the Company, hold the view that the vast majority of principles and best practice provisions set forth in the 2022 Code, as applicable during 2024, are being applied, while certain deviations are discussed and explained hereafter. A full and detailed description of AMG's Corporate Governance structure and AMG's compliance with the Dutch Corporate Governance Code follows hereafter and can be found on AMG's website (amg-nv.com).

AMG Critical Materials N.V., located in the Netherlands, is a company organized under Dutch law that has various subsidiaries in multiple jurisdictions to enable efficient business operations. The Management Board is responsible for maintaining a culture that is conducive to achieving its strategic objectives with a focus on sustainable long-term value creation when determining strategy and making decisions. All is further explained in this chapter as well as other sections of the report of the Management Board.

### 2024 Annual Accounts and Dividends

The Management Board and the Supervisory Board have approved AMG's audited financial statements for 2024. KPMG audited these financial statements, which will be submitted for adoption to the General Meeting of Shareholders on May 8, 2025.

The Management Board is authorized, subject to approval by the Supervisory Board, to reserve profits wholly or partly. The General Meeting is authorized to distribute and/or reserve any remaining part of the profits. The General Meeting may decide on the disposition of reserves only after a proposal by the Management Board, which must have been approved by the Supervisory Board.

The dividend policy was lastly discussed during the 2024 Annual General Meeting. In 2021 the Management Board, with the approval of the Supervisory Board, amended the dividend policy given the intrinsic volatility AMG has experienced in some of its markets. Given that AMG has cyclical elements in its product mix and that it desires to have a relatively consistent dividend payout, the revised policy will allow for stable dividend pay-outs and target gradual increases to historic dividend levels, provided that such pay-outs and possible increases are supported by AMG's liquidity and cash flow generation, and subject to prevailing statutory requirements. In line with Dutch corporate governance best practices, the revised dividend policy was discussed during the AGM in 2022 and endorsed by the shareholders.

The Company intends to propose a full year dividend for 2024 of €0.40 to the General Meeting of Shareholders for approval as part of the adoption of the 2024 Annual Accounts. The interim dividend of €0.20 per ordinary AMG share, paid on August 14, 2024, will be deducted from this amount. The proposed final dividend per ordinary share therefore amounts to €0.20. This dividend payment is in line with the revised dividend policy as explained above. Future dividend payments to shareholders will be at the discretion of the Management Board subject to the approval of the Supervisory Board and after taking into account various factors, including business prospects, cash requirements, financial performance, expansion plans, the terms of the Company's financing facilities, and the compliance with applicable statutory and regulatory requirements.

Additionally, any payment of dividends (whether interim or after adoption of the annual accounts) or other distributions to shareholders may be made only if the Company's shareholders' equity exceeds the sum of the issued share capital plus the reserves required to be maintained by law.

Financials

## **Shares and Shareholders' Rights**

As of December 31, 2024, the total issued share capital of AMG amounted to €650,083.28 consisting of 32,504,164 ordinary shares of €0.02 each. Each ordinary share carries one vote. The ordinary shares are listed on Euronext Amsterdam and are freely transferable.

Pursuant to the Financial Markets Supervision Act (Wet op het financieel toezicht) and the Decree on Disclosure of Major Holdings and Capital Interests in Securities-Issuing Institutions (Besluit melding zeggenschap en kapitaalbelang in uitgevende instellingen), the Netherlands Authority for the Financial Markets (Stichting Autoriteit Financiële Markten) ("AFM") substantial holdings (>3%) in ordinary shares of AMG have to be registered by investors. The Company refers to the applicable substantial holdings register at the AFM website for the most recent registrations by AMG investors. As the Company is not involved in any AFM registrations of substantial holdings by its investors, the positions registered and visible in the AFM register may not necessarily reflect the actual holdings of an investor in AMG.

Shareholding	2024	2023
Number of ordinary shares issued	32,504,164	32,504,164
Average daily turnover	219,121	264,209
Highest Closing Price	€24.50	€49.73
Lowest Closing Price	€13.17	€19.72

## **Preference Shares**

The General Meeting of Shareholders approved in its meetings of May 12, 2010 and July 6, 2010 that the Articles of Association of the Company would be changed in order to introduce a new class of preference shares, which may be issued and used as a response device in order to safeguard the interests of the Company and its stakeholders in all those situations where the Company's interests and those of its stakeholders are at stake, including but not limited to situations in which non-solicited public offers are made.

The preference shares carry equal voting rights as ordinary shares and are entitled, if distribution to shareholders is permitted, to a fixed dividend equal to the Euro Interbank Offered Rate for deposit loans of one year, increased with a maximum of 400 basis points as determined by the Management Board of the Company and subject to approval by the Supervisory Board. The Articles of Association of the Company were amended on July 6, 2010 to provide for an authorized share capital of 65.0 million ordinary shares and 65.0 million preference shares. Contrary to ordinary shares, preference shares may be issued against partial payment thereon, provided that at least one quarter of the nominal amount is paid-up in full upon subscription. The preference shares are not freely transferable; any transfer thereof is subject to the approval of the Supervisory Board.

## Stichting Continuïteit AMG

In line with Dutch law and corporate practice, on July 6, 2010, Stichting Continuïteit AMG (the "Foundation") was established in Amsterdam, having as its main objective to safeguard the interests of the Company and its stakeholders.

The Board of the Foundation is independent from the Company and currently consists of Mr. H. de Munnik, Chairman, Mr. H. Reumkens, and Mr. R. Grohe, who succeeded Professor K. Lutz in 2024.

The main objective of the Foundation is to represent the interests of the Company and of the enterprises maintained by the Company and the companies affiliated with the Company in a group, in such a way that the interests of the Company and of those enterprises and of all parties involved in this are safeguarded in the best possible way, and that influences which could affect the independence and/or continuity and/or identity of the Company and those enterprises in breach of those interests are deterred to the best of the Foundation's ability.

Under the terms of an option agreement dated December 22, 2010 between the Company and the Foundation, the Foundation has been granted an option pursuant to which it may purchase a number of preference shares up to a maximum of the total number of ordinary shares outstanding at any given time in the event of a threat to the continuity or strategy of AMG.

## **Voting Rights**

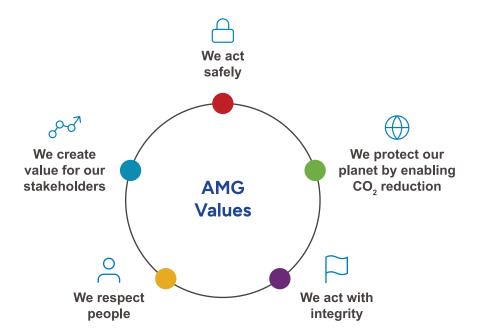
There are no restrictions on voting rights of ordinary and preference shares. Shareholders who hold shares on April 10, 2025 (mandated as the 28th day prior to the day of the General Meeting of Shareholders on May 8, 2025) are entitled to attend and vote at the General Meeting of Shareholders regardless of a sale of shares after such date.

## **Management Board**

The executive management of AMG, and its representation towards third parties, is entrusted to its Management Board, which is chaired by the Chief Executive Officer. The Articles of Association provide that the number of members of the Management Board shall be determined by the Supervisory Board. The members of the Management Board are appointed by the General Meeting of Shareholders for a maximum term of four years and may be reappointed for additional terms not to exceed four years. The Management Board comprises four members as of May 2024 when, in addition to the CEO, COO, and CFO, a Chief Development Officer was appointed by the General Meeting of Shareholders.

The Management Board members are collectively responsible for creating a culture within the AMG Group that is focused on sustainable long-term value creation when determining strategy and making decisions. Stakeholder interests are taken into careful consideration. Each Management Board member shall serve the best interests of the Company with a view to creating sustainable long-term value, while carrying out his responsibilities and will take into account the interests of all the Company's stakeholders. All Management Board members are qualified in business conduct matters and are regularly briefed by the Chief Compliance Officer about new trends and developments in this field.

The Management Board has drawn up the AMG Code of Business Conduct, monitors its effectiveness with the assistance of the Chief Compliance Officer, and has established a procedure for reporting actual or suspected irregularities within the Company or its group companies (Speak-Up process). The Management Board has further adopted values for the Company and the AMG Group ("AMG Values") and is responsible for maintenance of the AMG Values within the Company and its group companies by encouraging behavior that upholds the AMG Values and by leading by example. In this regard, specific attention shall be given to the strategy and the business model, the environment in which the Company and the AMG Group operate, and the existing culture within the Company and the AMG Group. The updated AMG Values are as follows. (ESRS 2 GOV1 22-23), (ESRS G1 GOV1 5)



The energy transformation demands materials science-based solutions. AMG was founded to be a leader in providing the critical materials that meet these demands. Our most important stakeholder is our planet. At AMG we are committed to increasing both the  $CO_2$  efficiency of our operations as well as the amount of  $CO_2$  we enable our end-use customers to reduce by utilizing our products. We are ambitious, innovative and committed to being a leader in the fields of critical materials and related technologies. AMG's core values represent our priorities with all employees, business partners and stakeholders.

Please refer to the 2024 Sustainability Statement published as part of this Annual Report for a detailed review of the application of the AMG Values within the AMG Group and compliance with the AMG Code of Business Conduct during 2024.

The Management Board is responsible for the internal audit function of the AMG Group and the Management Board appoints and dismisses the senior internal auditor upon approval of the Supervisory Board, along with the recommendation of the Audit & Risk Management Committee. The internal audit function reports to (a member of) the Management Board. The Supervisory Board oversees the internal audit function (through the Audit and Risk Committee) and maintains regular contact with the person fulfilling this function. The Management Board assesses annually the way in which the internal audit function fulfills its responsibility, after consultation with the Audit and Risk Management Committee. (ESRS 2 GOV1, 22(c))

The Supervisory Board is authorized to make a non-binding or binding nomination regarding the appointment of members of the Management Board. A binding nomination means that the General Meeting of Shareholders may appoint the nominated persons, unless the General Meeting of Shareholders rejects the nomination by an absolute majority (more than 50% of the votes cast) representing at least one-third of the issued share capital. In case the absolute majority is reached, however, not representing one-third of issued share capital, a second meeting will be convened in which the resolution may be adopted without a quorum applying. If the Supervisory Board has not made a nomination, the appointment of the members of the Management Board is at the full discretion of the General Meeting of Shareholders. The General Meeting of Shareholders and the Supervisory Board may suspend a member of the Management Board at any time.

A resolution of the General Meeting of Shareholders to suspend or dismiss a member of the Management Board requires an absolute majority (more than 50% of the votes cast), representing at least one-third of the issued share capital, unless the Supervisory Board has proposed the suspension or dismissal to the General Meeting of Shareholders, in which case an absolute majority is required but without any quorum requirement.

The Management Board follows its own rules of procedure concerning meetings, resolutions, and similar matters. These rules of procedure are published on the Company's website.

The Company has rules to avoid and deal with conflicts of interest between the Company and members of the Management Board. The Articles of Association state that in the event of a direct or indirect personal conflict of interest between the Company and any of the members of the Management Board, the relevant member of the Management Board shall not participate in the deliberations and decision-making process concerned. If all members of the Management Board are conflicted, and, as a result, no Management Board resolution can be adopted, the Supervisory Board shall adopt the resolution. In addition, it is provided in the rules of procedure of the Management Board that the respective member of the Management Board shall not take part in any decision-making that involves a subject or transaction to which he or she has a conflict of interest with the Company. Such transaction must be concluded on market practice terms and approved by the Supervisory Board. The rules of procedure of the Management Board establish further rules on the reporting of (potential) conflicts of interest.

## **Supervisory Board**

The Supervisory Board supervises the general course of business of the Company and the way the Management Board implements the sustainable long-term value-creation strategy of the Company. The Supervisory Board regularly discusses the strategy, the implementation of the strategy and the principal risks associated with it. The Supervisory Board assists the Management Board by providing advice. In fulfilling their duties, the Supervisory Directors shall act in the interest of the Company and its affiliated enterprises, and the Supervisory Board shall take into account the stakeholder interests that are relevant in this context. The Supervisory Board is responsible for the quality of its own performance and evaluates its own performance and that of the Management Board once per year.

Under the two-tier corporate structure pursuant to Dutch law, the Supervisory Board is a separate body that is independent of the Management Board. Members of the Supervisory Board can be neither members of the Management Board nor employees of the Company.

The Supervisory Board discusses and approves major management decisions as well as the strategy that is developed and implemented by the Management Board. The Supervisory Board has adopted its own rules of procedure concerning its own governance, committees, conflicts of interest, etc. The rules of procedure are published on the Company's website and include the charters of the committees to which the Supervisory Board has assigned certain preparatory tasks, while retaining overall responsibility.

These committees are the Remuneration Committee; the Selection & Appointment Committee; the Audit & Risk Management Committee; and the Safety, Sustainability, and Science Committee ("3S Committee"). The Supervisory Board shall be assisted by the Corporate Secretary of the Company, who shall be appointed by the Management Board after approval of the Supervisory Board has been obtained. The number of members of the Supervisory Board will be determined by the General Meeting of Shareholders with a minimum of three members. Please refer to the Report of the Supervisory Board published as part of the 2024 Annual Report for a report by each committee of the Supervisory Board for the year 2024 as well as for the Remuneration Report for the year 2024.

A Supervisory Director is appointed for a maximum period of four years and may then be reappointed once for another maximum four-year period. The Supervisory Director may then subsequently be reappointed again for a period of two years, after which point the appointment may be extended by at most two years. In the event of a reappointment after an eight-year period, reasons shall be given in the (annual) report of the Supervisory Board. For any appointment or reappointment, the profile for Supervisory Board candidates, which was drawn up by the Supervisory Board, will be observed. The Supervisory Board prepares a rotation schedule, which is made generally available and is posted on the Company's website.

The Supervisory Board is authorized to make a binding or non-binding nomination regarding the appointment of the members of the Supervisory Board. In the event of a binding nomination, the General Meeting of Shareholders appoints the members of the Supervisory Board from a nomination made by the Supervisory Board.

A binding nomination means that the General Meeting of Shareholders may appoint the nominated person, unless the General Meeting of Shareholders rejects the nomination by an absolute majority (more than 50% of the votes cast) representing at least one-third of the issued share capital.

In case the absolute majority is reached, however, not representing one-third of issued share capital, a second meeting of record will be convened in which the resolution may be adopted with normal majority, without a quorum applying.

If the Supervisory Board has not made a nomination, the appointment of the members of the Supervisory Board is at the full discretion of the General Meeting of Shareholders. The General Meeting of Shareholders may, at any time, suspend or remove members of the Supervisory Board. A resolution of the General Meeting of Shareholders to suspend or remove members of the Supervisory Board requires an absolute majority (more than 50% of the votes cast) representing at least one-third of the issued share capital, unless the Supervisory Board has proposed the suspension or dismissal, in which case an absolute majority is required, without any quorum requirement.

As required under the Code and Dutch law, the Company has formalized strict rules to avoid and deal with conflicts of interest between the Company and the members of the Supervisory Board, as further described in the Rules of Procedure of the Supervisory Board. Further information on the Supervisory Board and its activities can be found in the Report of the Supervisory Board published as part of the 2024 Annual Report.

Each of the current members of the Supervisory Board is obliged not to transfer or otherwise dispose of any shares awarded as part of their annual remuneration until the earlier of the third anniversary of the date of the award or the first anniversary of the date on which he or she ceases to be a member of the Supervisory Board. Shares in the Company held by the Supervisory Directors shall be held only as long-term investments.

# The Role and Responsibilities of the Management Board and Supervisory Board in Relation to the 2024 Sustainability Statement

As of January 1, 2024 the EU Corporate Sustainability Reporting Directive (CSRD) became effective in the EU. As of the date of this Annual Report, Dutch Parliament has not yet passed legislation that implements the CSRD Directive in Dutch Law. As a result, AMG's Management Board and Supervisory Board have decided to voluntarily prepare and publish a Sustainability Statement for 2024 that provides a detailed report of the impacts, risks and opportunities facing AMG and its stakeholders. That statement has been published as part of this Annual Report (immediately preceding the current chapter).

In that statement, the company explains the governance structure, roles and responsibilities within the AMG Group pertaining to the preparation, monitoring and completion of the 2024 Sustainability Statement.

## Management Board

The Management Board as the main executive body of AMG is responsible for preparing the 2024 Sustainability Statement and oversight of the impacts, risks and opportunities following completion of the double materiality assessment that are relevant in this context. The Management Board comprises four members, all male, who have been extensively involved since 2023 in managing this project assisted by consultants and by its in-house team of executives consisting of the Head of EHS (based in Wayne, PA), the Head of Human Resources in Germany (based in Hanau, Germany) and the General Counsel (based in Amsterdam, the Netherlands). These three executives were responsible, together with their teams, for the Environmental (E) Social (S) and Governance (G) topics, respectively, and aspects of the Sustainability Statement. They acted as the Steering Committee, reporting regularly to the CFO who, together with the CEO, took a leading role in steering AMG's sustainability programs early on including the preparation of the Sustainability Statement in 2023 and 2024. This preparatory work included the design of appropriate metrics and targets, with input from the units of the AMG Group, in accordance with CSRD requirements, the results of which were shared and monitored on a regular basis by the Steering Committee with the Management Board. The Company has set a diversity target of 33% of each gender on the Management Board by 2030. The employees and workers of the AMG Group are not represented in the company's Management and Supervisory Board which are governed by Dutch law and corporate governance rules. (ESRS 2 GOV1, 21-23)

## **Supervisory Board**

As explained above, the Supervisory Board of AMG, as the main non-executive body of the company, comprised seven members during 2024, three female and four male members which is in line with the company's targets concerning diversity. All these members qualified as independent in 2024 as per the definition set forth in the Dutch Corporate Governance Code. As explained in the Report of the Supervisory Board chapter of this report, the combined experience and background of the Board members fully meets the requirements needed in view of the business sectors, product scope and geographic locations of the AMG Group. The Supervisory Board reviews once every year whether appropriate skills and capabilities are represented in the Board relating to sustainability matters (including the company's material impacts, risks and opportunities) and reporting and whether additional skills are required.

With respect to sustainability matters the Supervisory Board was supported by its Safety, Sustainability & Science Committee (3S Committee) and its Audit & Risk Management Committee. The 3S Committee was established in 2023 with the objective, among others, to oversee the CSRD related activities of the company. The Committee members in 2024 were highly qualified to execute this task and keep the Supervisory Board advised about progress, challenges and timeline of the 2024 Sustainability Statement. The Audit & Risk Management Committee did its part in monitoring the reporting requirements for the Sustainability Statement and by meeting regularly with the external auditors measuring progress of the preparatory work. The members of this Committee were well qualified given their financial, governance and accounting backgrounds. The 3S Committee and Audit & Risk Management Committee held one joint meeting during the fall of 2024 in the presence of the Management Board and the external auditor to assess the quality and progress of the Sustainability Statement.

The Committee Charters of the 3S Committee and the Audit & Risk Management Committee of the Supervisory Board make reference to the reporting requirements for AMG in the field of sustainability and specifically CSRD. The two Committees report on a quarterly basis to the full Supervisory Board about their actions and findings. These reports are in conjunction with quarterly meetings held by the Committees in which each is briefed by the Management Board and Steering Committee representatives.about progress and challenges in preparing the Sustainability Statement. (ESRS 2 GOV1, 21-23)

## **General Meeting of Shareholders**

A General Meeting of Shareholders is held at least once per year. During the Annual General Meeting, the Annual Report, including the Report of the Management Board, the annual (consolidated) financial statements, the implementation of the remuneration policy for the Management Board, and the Report of the Supervisory Board are discussed, as well as other matters pursuant to Dutch law or the Company's Articles of Association.

As a separate item on the agenda, the General Meeting of Shareholders is entrusted with the discharge of the members of the Management Board and the Supervisory Board from responsibility for the performance of their duties during the preceding financial year. The General Meeting of Shareholders is held in Amsterdam or Haarlemmermeer (Schiphol Airport), and takes place within six months following the end of the preceding financial year. During the years 2020, 2021 and 2022 the Annual General Meeting was held virtually by TEAMS conference due to the travel restrictions that were in place as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic and on the basis of special legislation adopted by Dutch Parliament. In May 2023 and 2024, the Annual General Meetings were held in person in Amsterdam.

Meetings are convened by public notice on the website of the Company and by letter, or by use of electronic means of communication, to registered shareholders (if any). Notice is given at least 42 days prior to the date of the General Meeting of Shareholders. The main powers of the General Meeting of Shareholders are set forth in the Company's Articles of Association, which are published on the Company's website, and the applicable provisions of Dutch law.

On May 8, 2024, the General Meeting of Shareholders resolved to authorize the Management Board for a period of 18 months from that date (until November 7, 2025) as the corporate body, which, subject to approval by the Supervisory Board, is authorized to issue shares, including any grant of rights to subscribe to shares up to a maximum of 10% of the Company's issued share capital as per December 31, 2023, for general corporate purposes and/or for the purpose of mergers and acquisitions, and/or for strategic alliances and/or financial support arrangements. This authorization also includes the power to restrict or exclude preemptive rights.

On May 8, 2024, the General Meeting of Shareholders resolved to authorize the Management Board for a period of 18 months from that date (until November 7, 2025) as the corporate body which, subject to approval by the Supervisory Board, is authorized to effect acquisitions of its own shares by AMG. The number of shares to be acquired is limited to 10% of the Company's issued share capital as of December 31, 2023, taking into account the shares previously acquired and disposed of at the time of any new acquisition. Shares may be acquired through the stock exchange or otherwise, at a price between par value and 110% of the average stock exchange price for a five-day period prior to the date of acquisition. The stock exchange price referred to in the previous sentence is the average closing price of the shares at Euronext Amsterdam on the five consecutive trading days immediately preceding the day of purchase by, or for, the account of the Company.

## **Articles of Association**

The Company's Articles of Association can be amended by a resolution of the General Meeting of Shareholders on a proposal from the Management Board that has been approved by the Supervisory Board. A resolution of the General Meeting of Shareholders to amend the Articles of Association that has not been taken on the proposal from the Management Board and the approval of the Supervisory Board, should be adopted by a majority of at least two-thirds of the votes cast in a meeting in which at least 50% of the issued share capital is represented. The Articles of Association have last been amended on May 12, 2023, following approval by the General Meeting of Shareholders in its Annual General Meeting held on May 4, 2023, and are published on the Company's website (amg-nv.com). At this occasion the name of the Company was changed from AMG Advanced Metallurgical Group N.V. to AMG Critical Materials N.V.

## **Corporate Social Responsibility and ESG**

AMG's Values (safety, value creation, respect for people, protect the planet by enabling CO<sub>2</sub> reduction, and integrity) form the core foundation of AMG's ambition to be a leader in the fields of critical materials and engineering services and to achieve excellence in all that it does. They apply to how AMG and its group companies conduct their operations and how they deal with their employees, business partners, and stakeholders.

In being a responsible corporate citizen, AMG endorses and supports the definition of corporate social responsibility as set by the World Business Council for Sustainable Development: "...the continuing commitment by business to behave ethically and contribute to economic development while improving the quality of life of the workforce and their families as well as of the local community and society at large." For AMG and its affiliated companies, this statement, which forms the basis of AMG's ESG strategy, translates into four main sustainable development objectives that the Company has formulated in connection with its financial objectives, technological capabilities and its leading position at the heart of the global metallurgical industry: 1) to provide safe working conditions for our employees and to be responsible stewards of the environment; 2) to meet or exceed regulatory standards by engaging in ethical business practices; 3) to be a valued member of the local economy, community and society at large by contributing to solutions for addressing some of the fundamental environmental and social challenges facing society today; and 4) target industrial activities which either contribute to the production of greenhouse gas levels through the circular economy or by arriving at technologies which enable our business partners to reduce greenhouse levels and quantify the success of these endeavors. The Supervisory Board and the Management Board of the Company take continued guidance from these objectives when defining and implementing the Company's strategic objectives. (ESRS 2 GOV1, 22)

As explained earlier in this chapter, AMG has published its 2024 Sustainability Statement as part of this Annual Report. This Statement further elaborates, among other things, on the application of AMG's Code of Business Conduct, its Speak Up and Reporting Policy, and the activities of the Company concerning diversity during 2024.

The Company has adopted a Diversity & Inclusion Policy that includes the diversity targets for the Management Board, Supervisory Board, and the management sub-top, and mentions the Diversity and Inclusion Council at AMG and its goals and purposes.

In line with Dutch legislation, AMG also reports as of 2023 to the SER online portal, on its diversity plan (measures taken) and targets going forward, the results of the diversity plan in the preceding financial year and - if results are not met - an explanation. The reporting also includes the inflow, progression and retention of employees (male and female) and the gender composition of the Management Board, Supervisory Board, and AMG management's sub-top.

## **Decree on Article 10 of the Takeover Directive**

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The information required by the Decree on Article 10 of the Takeover Directive (published on April 5, 2006) is included in this Corporate Governance Report and is published and updated in the 2023 Annual Report.

Below is an overview of the significant agreements to which the Company is a party, which are affected, changed, or terminated subject to the condition of a change of control, or which contain new restrictions on voting rights attached to shares.

The Company is a party to the following arrangements that may be terminated or amended under the condition of a change of control over the Company as a result of a public takeover offer:

- (a) The Company has entered into a credit facility for its general financing needs and purposes, dated November 30, 2021, consisting of a \$350 million Term Loan B (expanded to \$450 million in April 2024) and a \$200 million Revolving Credit facility ("Credit Agreement"), which includes a provision that triggers the Company to repay the entire outstanding amount under the Credit Agreement upon a change of control, as defined therein;
- (b) Under terms of the \$307 million municipal bond issued to refinance the construction of a new spent resid catalyst recycling facility in Zanesville, Ohio, in the senior unsecured 30-year US tax-exempt bond market in July 2019 by AMG Vanadium LLC that is a wholly owned affiliate of the Company, the holders of the bonds have the right to tender their bonds for purchase by the Company (that acts as Guarantor) upon a change in control of the Company at a purchase price of 101% of the principal amount of the bonds plus accrued interest;
- (c) The members of the Management Board of the Company all have an employment agreement with a wholly owned US subsidiary of the Company, that will trigger termination rights for the Management Board members upon a change of control of the Company pursuant to a public offer. These employment agreements are entered into for an indefinite period of time and are explained in detail on the Company's website;
- (d) The members of the Management Board participate together with a group of senior staff and executives of the AMG Group, in the AMG Performance Share Unit Plan. This Plan is administered by the Company and creates rights and obligations for each participant of the respective Plans towards the Company. The plan has provisions that permit the Supervisory Board (and Management Board respectively) to cancel or modify performance share units awarded to its participants, upon a change of control of the Company;
- (e) The Company is party to an option agreement concluded on December 10, 2010 with Stichting Continuïteit AMG, that triggers certain option rights for the Stichting Continuïteit AMG upon a change of control of the Company, as further detailed in the "Stichting Continuïteit AMG" section of this chapter;
- (f) The Company is party to a joint venture agreement concluded on October 7, 2019 with Shell Overseas Investments B.V. ("Shell") in order to jointly identify and pursue opportunities to offer customers outside North America an environmentally sustainable solution for their spent catalyst and gasification ash ("the JV Agreement"). The terms of the JV Agreement trigger termination rights for the Company and Shell in case the other party suffers a change of control by a Major Competitor or Sanctioned Person (as these terms are defined in the JV Agreement).

## **Risk Management and Internal Controls**

AMG employs a risk management approach that identifies and mitigates risk at all levels of the organization. The Company analyzes risks in formal settings such as scheduled Management Board and Supervisory Board meetings as well as everyday operational situations faced by its global employee base. AMG has implemented a comprehensive risk management program centered on the Company's Risk Assessment Package (RAP), as further explained in detail in the chapter on Risk Management and Internal Controls published as part of the 2024 Annual Report.

As stated above, the Management Board is responsible for the internal audit function of the Company. The Internal Auditor at AMG reports to the Audit & Risk Management Committee and to the Management Board and operates on the basis of an Internal Audit plan approved annually by the Supervisory Board and the Management Board. The Internal Audit plan is risk-based and comprises all units and subsidiaries of the AMG Group with a focus on financial control, IT risks and compliance.

The Internal Audit function closely cooperates with the external auditors of the Company and attends all meetings of the Audit & Risk Management Committee of the Supervisory Board.

#### **Investor Relations**

The Company highly values good relations with its shareholders and is compliant with applicable rules and regulations on non-selective and timely disclosure and equal treatment of shareholders. Apart from communication at the Annual General Meeting of Shareholders, the Company explains its financial results during public quarterly conference calls and capital markets days. Further, the Company publishes annual, semi-annual, and quarterly reports and press releases and makes information available through its public website (amg-nv.com).

The Company also engages in bilateral communications with investors and, in doing so, adheres to its policy on bilateral contacts, which is published on the Company's website. During these communications, the Company is, in general, represented by its Investor Relations Officer, occasionally accompanied by a member of the Management Board.

## **Compliance with the Dutch Corporate Governance Code 2022**

As stated above, AMG was subject to the 2022 Code for the 2024 financial year. As a general statement the Company fully endorses the Code's principles and believes that it complies with virtually all best practice provisions as included in the 2022 Code. On certain matters involving the remuneration policy of the Company, specifically best practice provision 3.2.3 concerning severance payments and best practice provision 3.3.2 concerning remuneration of the Supervisory Board members in the form of AMG shares, the Company does not comply with these best practice provisions and believes that it has sound reasons for doing so, which are explained in the Corporate Governance at AMG report published on the AMG website (amg-nv.com/about-amg/corporate-governance/).

## **Conflicts of Interest**

No conflicts of interest that were of material significance to the Company and/or members of the Management Board and Supervisory Board were reported in the period starting January 1, 2024, up to and including March 12, 2025.

During the period starting January 1, 2024 up to and including March 12, 2025, the Company did not enter into any material transaction with a shareholder holding an interest of 10% or more in the Company's share capital.

Accordingly, the Company has complied with best practice provisions 2.7.3, 2.7.4, and 2.7.5 of the 2022 Code.

## **Corporate Governance Statement**

The Decree of December 23, 2004, adopting further rules regarding the contents of the annual report, most recently amended and extended as of January 1, 2018 (the "Decree"), requires a statement to be published annually by the Company on its compliance with Corporate Governance regulations in the Netherlands.

The Company hereby submits that it has fully complied with this requirement by way of publication of this Annual Report and the specific references therein, notably the Report of the Management Board, the Report of the Supervisory Board, the Remuneration Report for 2024, and the chapters on Risk Management and Internal Controls, Sustainable Development and Corporate Governance, all of which are deemed to be incorporated by reference into the Company's statement on corporate governance.



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## **Financial Review**

Amounts in tables in thousands of US dollars

For the year ended December 31	2024	2023
Revenue and expenses		
AMG Lithium revenue	181,561	408,572
AMG Vanadium revenue	629,588	711,238
AMG Technologies revenue	628,707	506,051
Total revenue	1,439,856	1,625,861
Cost of sales	(1,211,831)	(1,236,430)
Gross profit	228,025	389,431
Selling, general and administrative expenses	(183,695)	(178,162)
Other (expense) income, net	(103)	10,483
Operating profit	44,227	221,752

## Revenue

Total 2024 revenues for the AMG Group decreased 11% to \$1,440 million from \$1,626 million in 2023 primarily driven by the declines in the market prices of lithium and vanadium. Within the AMG Lithium segment, 2024 revenue decreased by \$227 million, from \$409 million in 2023 to \$182 million. This variance was largely driven by the decline in the market price of lithium versus 2023 as well as a 6% decrease in volume on a full year basis. AMG Vanadium's revenue decreased by \$82 million, or 11%, to \$630 million from \$711 million in 2023 mainly due to lower sales prices across the segment, particularly driven by a decline in the market price of vanadium. AMG Technologies' 2024 revenue increased by \$123 million to \$629 million from \$506 million, or 24% compared to the same period in 2023. This improvement was mainly driven by strong revenues in our engineering unit, as well as higher sales of antimony driven by a 37% increase in the average sales price in 2024. On a full year basis, the engineering business within AMG Technologies signed a record high of \$380 million in new orders during 2024, 9% higher than in 2023, representing a 1.27x book to bill ratio.

## **Gross profit**

AMG's gross profit declined by \$161 million to \$228 million in the year ended December 31, 2024, a 41% decrease. As a percentage of revenue, gross margin decreased from 24% in 2023 to 16% in the current year. The decrease was primarily driven by a \$213 million decline in AMG Lithium's gross margin as a result of the decline in lithium prices noted above. This decline was offset by an increase of \$48 million within AMG Technologies due to higher profitability in every business unit, particularly antimony and graphite. Additionally, the 2023 gross profit of AMG Technologies was negatively impacted by restructuring expenses and asset impairments within the Graphite business which also contributed to the improved gross margin in the current year. AMG Vanadium's 2024 gross margin was consistent with the prior year as declines in the prices of vanadium were offset by the benefits related to the expansion of the US Section 45X credit and strengthening demand in the aerospace end market that benefited the chrome and titanium margins.

## Selling, general and administrative expenses

Selling, general and administrative (SG&A) costs were \$184 million in the year ended December 31, 2024, as compared to \$178 million in the year ended December 31, 2023. The increase is primarily related to slightly higher personnel expenses and research and development costs due to increased headcount. The increase in headcount is primarily to support our ongoing expansion projects, namely AMG Lthium's lithium refinery in Bitterfeld, Germany, as well as the development of AMG Technologies' LIVA business. Additionally, we have increased headcount within AMG Technologies to support the increased aerospace end market demand that is driving our record levels of order intake and order backlog. Additionally, there were increased professional fees to support emerging regulatory reporting requirements.

## (Loss) profit for the year to adjusted EBITDA reconciliation

For the year ended December 31	2024	2023
(Loss) profit for the year	(25,786)	102,288
Income tax expense	23,409	95,002
Net finance cost	42,835	20,739
Equity-settled share-based payment transactions	6,077	5,799
Restructuring expense	2,844	9,223
Brazil's SP1+ expansion and commissioning	2,074	_
Pension adjustment	_	5,290
Silicon's partial closure	(811)	(1,520)
Inventory cost adjustment	28,607	26,731
Asset impairment (reversal) expense	(1,449)	8,818
Strategic project expense	27,490	19,179
Share of loss of associates	3,769	3,723
Others	466	583
Adjusted EBIT	109,525	295,855
Depreciation and amortization	58,551	54,636
Adjusted EBITDA	168,076	350,491

The Company has presented the performance measure adjusted EBITDA because it monitors this performance measure at a consolidated level, and it believes that this measure is relevant to an understanding of the Company's financial performance. The Company generally applies the definition of adjusted EBITDA that aligns with the provisions of its credit facility. Adjusted EBITDA is not a defined performance measure in IFRS Accounting Standards. The Company's definition of adjusted EBITDA may not be comparable with similarly titled performance measures and disclosures by other entities.

AMG has achieved an adjusted EBITDA of \$168 million for the full year 2024 compared to \$350 million in 2023. As noted above, the decrease was primarily attributable to the significant decline in lithium prices. Despite this decline, AMG Lithium's low cost position still enabled it to achieve an adjusted EBITDA of \$24 million in 2024 compared to \$237 million in 2023. Additionally, AMG Vanadium's adjusted EBITDA declined 5% from \$81 million in 2023 to \$76 million in 2024 due to a decline in vanadium prices that was partially mitigated by the strength in chrome and titanium earnings, as well as the ongoing benefit of Section 45X, a production credit for domestic manufacturing of critical materials for which AMG Vanadium qualified based on the Inflation Reduction Act of 2022. However, AMG Technologies achieved significantly higher adjusted EBITDA in 2024, which improved from an adjusted EBITDA of \$33 million in 2023 to \$68 million in 2024, largely due to higher profitability in Antimony, Engineering and Graphite.

AMG excluded \$29 million (2023: \$27 million) of non-cash expense that it incurred during 2024 due to exceptional price movements in its lithium and vanadium inventory positions as detailed previously. As a result of these price declines, AMG recorded an inventory cost adjustment for certain balances of lithium hydroxide which the Company had acquired in connection with the commissioning of its lithium refinery in Bitterfeld, Germany as well as certain vanadium inventory that was purchased under a fixed price contract. During 2023, AMG had similar inventory cost adjustments that pertained primarily to just its lithium hydroxide inventory. See note 13 for additional details.

In 2023, AMG recognized \$9 million of restructuring expenses that were primarily related to a program to improve efficiencies and reduce headcount. As a result of this initiative, the Company incurred restructuring expenses within the titanium operations of the AMG Vanadium segment of \$6 million and within the graphite operations of the AMG Technologies segment in the amount of \$2 million. As a result of these restructuring programs, AMG decreased its headcount at those locations. In 2024, AMG incurred an additional \$3 million of expenses related to the finalization of these programs.

Additionally, certain non-core assets were also impacted by the 2023 restructuring program. Asset impairments were recorded due to the retirement of these assets within the AMG Vanadium segment and the AMG Technologies segment in the amount of \$3 million and \$7 million, respectively. In the year ended December 31, 2024, there were no such costs incurred. See notes 9, 10, and 24.

The Company is in the initial development and ramp-up phases for several strategic expansion projects, including the joint venture with Shell, the LIVA Battery System, and the lithium expansion in Germany, which incurred project expenses during the year but are not yet operational. During the year ended December 31, 2024, AMG incurred \$27 million of costs related to these strategic projects compared to \$19 million of costs in 2023. The increase in the costs is primarily driven by increased headcount and ramp-up costs as the lithium expansion project in Germany accelerates progress in the current period. AMG is adjusting EBITDA for these exceptional charges.

## **Operating profit**

AMG's operating profit of \$44 million for the year ended December 31, 2024, decreased \$178 million compared to \$222 million reported for the year ended December 31, 2023. The operating profit in 2023 benefited from record earnings in the Lithium business driven by significantly higher lithium prices that prevailed throughout 2023. As a result, AMG Lithium's operating profit decreased \$216 million from \$188 million in 2023 to an operating loss of \$28 million in 2024. The operating loss was primarily related to the lithium refinery in Bitterfeld, Germany, which still incurs personnel and other ancillary costs as it commissions. This decrease was partially offset by AMG Technologies, whose operating profit increased \$41 million from \$7 million in 2023 to \$48 million in 2024. As discussed above, AMG Technologies 2023 operating profit was negatively impacted by the restructuring and asset impairment charges incurred by the Graphite business in 2023. The nonrecurrence of these charges coupled with the positive antimony price development in 2024 and performance in the engineering sales were the primary drivers for the improved result. AMG Vanadium's operating profit decreased slightly from \$27 million in 2023 to \$24 million in 2024 for the reasons noted above.

## **Net finance cost**

The table below sets forth AMG's net finance costs for the years ended December 31, 2024 and 2023. Net finance cost increased \$22 million to \$43 million in 2024 from \$21 million in 2023. This increase is primarily driven by a \$17 million impact from foreign exchange fluctuations. In 2024, a non-cash foreign exchange loss of \$8 million was recognized on intergroup balances and cash holdings, compared to a non-cash foreign exchange gain of \$9 million in 2023 on those same balances. The 2023 foreign exchange gains were driven by a strengthening of the euro relative to the US dollar during that period whereas in 2024 the trend reversed and the euro to US dollar foreign exchange rate weakened, resulting in a loss. The remaining driver for the increase in net finance cost pertains primarily to higher interest expense related to the incremental \$100 million term loan that was executed in April 2024.

For the year ended December 31	2024	2023
Finance income	19,655	28,989
Finance cost	(62,490)	(49,728)
Net finance cost	(42,835)	(20,739)

#### Income taxes

AMG recorded an income tax expense of \$23 million in 2024, compared to \$95 million in 2023. The decrease in tax expense was primarily driven by lower profitability in 2024. However, tax expense was \$24 million higher than the amount calculated using statutory rates. This increase was due to \$12 million of higher Brazilian deferred tax expense related to the Brazilian Real, as well as \$12 million of net operating loss carryforwards that were disallowed in Germany for our lithium operations.

## Net (loss) profit

The Company recorded a net loss attributable to shareholders of \$33 million in the year ended December 31, 2024, as compared to \$101 million net profit in the year ended December 31, 2023. This variance was primarily driven by the \$161 million decline in gross profit, due to the decline in lithium and vanadium prices as discussed above, and an increase in net finance costs of \$22 million, which was driven by foreign exchange losses. These decreases were offset by a \$72 million decrease in tax expense that was primarily due to the lower profitability in 2024.

## **Equity attributable to shareholders**

The Company's equity attributable to shareholders decreased 10% during the year from \$562 million as of December 31, 2023 to \$506 million as of December 31, 2024. This decrease was mainly driven by the net loss attributable to shareholders in the current period combined with the decrease in other reserves as a result of other comprehensive losses recognized directly in equity for foreign currency translation losses. Refer to note 17 for additional details of other reserves.

## **Working capital**

The Company's working capital decreased to \$36 million at December 31, 2024 from \$55 million at December 31, 2023, primarily due to increased advance payments at AMG Technologies driven by higher aerospace demand. This was partially offset by higher inventory levels in AMG Technologies, reflecting rising antimony prices and increased work-in-process on furnace construction projects, as well as greater lithium inventory in AMG Lithium to support the Bitterfeld refinery commissioning.

The table below summarizes the Company's working capital for the years ended December 31, 2024 and 2023.

For the year ended December 31	Note	2024	2023
Inventories	13	304,108	260,945
Prepaid inventory	15	21,673	37,450
Total inventory		325,781	298,395
Trade receivables, net	14	114,458	122,939
Net receivable from contract work	14	45,116	40,674
Total accounts receivable		159,574	163,613
Trade and other payables	26	234,234	259,339
Accrued expenses <sup>1</sup>	25	73,898	72,882
Deferred revenue - current	5	17,323	14,083
Advance payments from customers	5	124,079	60,561
Total liabilities		449,534	406,865
Working capital		35,821	55,143

<sup>1)</sup> Accrued expenses represents total other current liabilities of \$83 million (2023: \$77 million) less dividends payable to non-controlling interests of \$9 million (2023: \$4 million), which are not deemed to be related to working capital. Refer to note 25.

## Liquidity and capital resources

## Sources of liquidity

The Company's sources of liquidity include cash and cash equivalents, cash from operations and amounts available under credit facilities. At December 31, 2024, the Company had \$294 million in unrestricted cash and cash equivalents and \$200 million available on its revolving credit facility.

The table below summarizes the Company's net debt for the years ended December 31, 2024 and 2023.

For the year ended December 31	2024	2023
Senior secured debt	431,960	337,402
Cash & cash equivalents	294,254	345,308
Senior secured net debt (cash)	137,706	(7,906)
Other debt	13,124	13,105
Net debt excluding municipal bond	150,830	5,199
Municipal bond debt	318,747	319,002
Restricted cash	1,523	1,451
Net debt	468,054	322,750

The Company was subject to one maintenance debt covenant in its current revolving credit facility. Violating this covenant would limit the Company's access to liquidity. The Company was fully in compliance with this debt covenant as of December 31, 2024. See note 20 of the financial statements for additional information.

The table below summarizes the Company's net cash provided by or used in its operating activities, investing activities and financing activities for the years ended December 31, 2024 and 2023.

For the year ended December 31	2024	2023
Net cash from operating activities	37,515	223,000
Net cash used in investing activities	(147,041)	(185,344)
Net cash from (used in) financing activities	71,594	(41,536)

Cash from operating activities was \$38 million for the year ended December 31, 2024 as compared to \$223 million in 2023. The decrease was largely driven by the decline in the lithium and vanadium prices which negatively impacted operating cash flows. Additionally, 2023's operating cash flows benefited from the proceeds related to the sale of energy supply contracts which did not recur in 2024. These declines were offset by increases in AMG Technologies operating cash flows due to the significant increase in advanced payments as well as the higher profitability related to sales of antimony.

Cash used in investing activities was \$147 million for the year ended December 31, 2024, compared to \$185 million for the year ended December 31, 2023. The decrease was driven by the near completion of the Company's key expansion projects in AMG Lithium.

Cash from financing activities was \$72 million for the year ended December 31, 2024, compared to cash used in financing activities of \$42 million for the year ended December 31, 2023. This variance was mainly driven by proceeds from the \$100 million incremental term loan B that was executed in April 2024.

## **Outlook**

We anticipate maintaining a stable headcount as our expansion projects in Germany and Brazil near completion.

Capital expenditures for 2025 are projected to be approximately \$75 to \$100 million, primarily driven by the completion of the lithium hydroxide plant in Germany, increased tantalum capacity and mine investments in Brazil, as well as targeted growth investments in the Vanadium and Technologies segments.

Our current liquidity is \$494 million and can fully fund all approved capital expansion projects and all other financial obligations. AMG has no significant near-term debt maturities. The \$450 million term loan matures in November 2028, and the \$307 million municipal bond matures in July 2049. Since AMG's undrawn \$200 million revolver matures in November 2026, we will expect to execute a maturity extension on the revolver in 2025 to maintain our liquidity and reduce refinancing risk.

AMG continues to advance its two key lithium expansion initiatives. The lithium concentrate expansion project in Brazil has been completed, and commissioning of Module 1 at our lithium hydroxide refinery in Germany continues to progress as planned.

2025 is off to a strong start, with particularly strong performance across our portfolio including our Antimony, Chrome, Tantalum, Vanadium Aluminum, and Engineering businesses. Therefore, we increase our adjusted EBITDA outlook from "\$130 million, or more, in 2025" to "\$150 million, or more, in 2025."

We are presently updating our 5-year forecast which we traditionally issue at the Annual General Meeting.

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## **Consolidated Income Statement**

For the year ended December 31	Note	2024	2023
In thousands of US dollars			
Continuing operations			
Revenue	5	1,439,856	1,625,861
Cost of sales	6	(1,211,831)	(1,236,430)
Gross profit		228,025	389,431
Selling, general and administrative expenses	6	(183,695)	(178,162)
Other expenses		(449)	(313)
Other income		346	10,796
Net other operating (expense) income		(103)	10,483
Operating profit		44,227	221,752
Finance income	7	19,655	28,989
Finance cost	7, 20	(62,490)	(49,728)
Net finance cost	7	(42,835)	(20,739)
Share of loss of associates and joint ventures	11	(3,769)	(3,723)
(Loss) profit before income tax		(2,377)	197,290
Income tax expense	8	(23,409)	(95,002)
		(20,100)	(00,002)
(Loss) profit for the year		(25,786)	102,288
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(Loss) profit attributable to:			
Shareholders of the Company		(33,351)	101,320
Non-controlling interests	19	7,565	968
(Loss) profit for the year		(25,786)	102,288
(Loss) earnings per share			
Basic (loss) earnings per share	18	(1.03)	3.15
Diluted (loss) earnings per share	18	(1.03)	3.12
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The notes are an integral part of these consolidated financial statements.

## **Consolidated Statement of Other Comprehensive Income**

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For the year ended December 31	Note	2024	2023
In thousands of US dollars			
(Loss) profit for the year		(25,786)	102,288
Other comprehensive loss			
Items of other comprehensive income (loss) that may be reclassified to profit or loss in subsequent periods:			
Exchange differences on translation of foreign operations	17	(20,393)	5,675
Cash flow hedges, effective portion of changes in fair value	17	(2,820)	(9,947)
Cash flow hedges reclassified to profit or loss, net of tax	17	(757)	2,121
Cost of hedging reserve, changes in fair value	17	(1,758)	758
Income tax benefit (expense) on cash flow hedges	8	212	(90)
Net decrease on cash flow hedges		(5,123)	(7,158)
Net other comprehensive loss that may be reclassified to profit or loss in subsequent periods		(25,516)	(1,483)
Items of other comprehensive income (loss) not to be reclassified to profit or loss in subsequent periods:			
Exchange differences on translation of foreign operations - non-controlling interest		(1,658)	945
Actuarial gains (losses) on defined benefit plans	22	2,170	(11,669)
Income tax (expense) benefit on actuarial gains (losses)	8	(867)	3,240
Net gain (loss) on defined benefit plans		1,303	(8,429)
Change in fair value of equity investments classified as fair value through other comprehensive income	11, 17	8,097	2,397
Net other comprehensive income (loss) not being reclassified to profit or loss in subsequent periods		7,742	(5,087)
Other comprehensive loss for the year, net of tax		(17,774)	(6,570)
Total comprehensive (loss) income for the year, net of tax		(43,560)	95,718
Total comprehensive (loss) income attributable to:			
Shareholders of the Company		(49,419)	93,729
Non-controlling interest		5,859	1,989
Total comprehensive (loss) income for the year, net of tax		(43,560)	95,718

The notes are an integral part of these consolidated financial statements.

## **Consolidated Statement of Financial Position**

As at December 31	Note	2024	2023
In thousands of US dollars			
Assets			
Property, plant and equipment	9	961,820	921,178
Goodwill and other intangible assets	10	53,406	40,313
Derivative financial instruments	29	15,521	22,847
Equity-accounted investees	12	38,110	18,266
Other investments	11, 29	46,646	38,160
Deferred tax assets	8	37,500	26,882
Restricted cash	29	493	387
Other assets	15	13,457	12,060
Total non-current assets		1,166,953	1,080,093
Inventories	13	304,108	260,945
Derivative financial instruments	29	4,577	3,397
Trade and other receivables	5, 14	169,908	164,027
Other assets	15	90,334	100,128
Current tax assets	8	6,925	7,845
Restricted cash	29	1,030	1,064
Cash and cash equivalents	16	294,254	345,308
Assets held for sale		1,500	_
Total current assets		872,636	882,714
Total assets		2,039,589	1,962,807

## **Consolidated Statement of Financial Position**

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As at December 31	Note	2024	2023
Equity			
Issued capital	17	853	853
Share premium	17	553,715	553,715
Treasury shares	17	(9,084)	(10,593)
Other reserves	17	(67,978)	(52,269)
Retained earnings		28,575	70,077
Equity attributable to shareholders of the Company		506,081	561,783
Non-controlling interests	19	44,070	44,220
Total equity		550,151	606,003
Liabilities			
Loans and borrowings	20	748,202	656,265
Lease liabilities	30	44,580	46,629
Employee benefits	22	124,586	133,333
Provisions	24	18,309	17,951
Deferred revenue	5	8,672	17,836
Other liabilities	25	7,384	4,784
Derivative financial instruments	29	660	27
Deferred tax liabilities	8	20,961	6,664
Total non-current liabilities		973,354	883,489
Loans and borrowings	20	5,194	5,566
Lease liabilities	30	6,212	5,725
Short-term bank debt	21	10,435	7,678
Deferred revenue	5	17,323	14,083
Other liabilities	25	82,711	77,052
Trade and other payables	26	234,234	259,339
Derivative financial instruments	29	3,781	2,828
Advance payments from customers	5	124,079	60,561
Current tax liability	8	21,277	24,279
Provisions	24	10,838	16,204
Total current liabilities		516,084	473,315
Total liabilities		1,489,438	1,356,804
Total equity and liabilities		2,039,589	1,962,807

The notes are an integral part of these consolidated financial statements.

## **Consolidated Statement of Changes in Equity**

		Ed	quity attribut	able to shar	eholders of t	he Compa	ny	
In thousands of US dollars	Issued capital	Share premium	Treasury shares	Other reserves	Retained (deficit) earnings	Total	Non- controlling interests	Total equity
	(note 17)		(note 17)	(note 17)			(note 19)	
Balance at January 1, 2023	853	553,715	(14,685)	(44,869)	(4,461)	490,553	27,296	517,849
Foreign currency translation	_	_	_	5,675	_	5,675	945	6,620
Change in fair value of equity investments classified as fair value through other comprehensive income	_	_	_	2,397	_	2,397	_	2,397
(Loss) gain on cash flow hedges, net of tax	_	_	_	(7,164)	_	(7,164)	6	(7,158)
Actuarial (loss) gain, net of tax	_	_	_	(8,499)	_	(8,499)		(8,429)
Net (loss) gain recognized through other comprehensive income	_	_	_	(7,591)	_	(7,591)		(6,570)
Profit for the year	_	_	_		101,320	101,320	968	102,288
Total comprehensive (loss) income for the year	_	_	_	(7,591)	101,320	93,729	1,989	95,718
Purchase of common shares	_	_	(6,960)	_		(6,960)	<u> </u>	(6,960)
Equity-settled share-based payments	_	_		_	5,799	5,799	_	5,799
Settlement of share-based payment awards	_	_	11,052	_	(10,684)	368	_	368
Transfer to retained earnings	_	_	_	191	(191)	_	_	_
Gain on sale of non-controlling interest	_	_	_	_	18,867	18,867	_	18,867
Change in non-controlling interests	_	_	_	_	(12,361)	(12,361)	17,011	4,650
Dividend	_	_	_	_	(28,212)	(28,212)	(2,076)	(30,288)
Balance at December 31, 2023	853	553,715	(10,593)	(52,269)	70,077	561,783	44,220	606,003
Balance at January 1, 2024	853	553,715	(10,593)	(52,269)	70,077	561,783	44,220	606,003
Foreign currency translation	_	_	_	(20,393)	_	(20,393)	(1,658)	(22,051)
Change in fair value of equity investments classified as fair value through other comprehensive income	_	_	_	8,097	_	8,097	_	8,097
(Loss) gain on cash flow hedges, net of tax	_		_	(5,178)		(5,178)	55	(5,123)
Actuarial gain (loss), net of tax	_	_		1,406	_	1,406	(103)	1,303
Net loss recognized through other comprehensive income	_	_	_	(16,068)	_	(16,068)	,	(17,774)
(Loss) profit for the year	_	_	_	_	(33,351)	(33,351)	7,565	(25,786)
Total comprehensive (loss) income for the year	_	_	_	(16,068)	(33,351)	(49,419)	5,859	(43,560)
Purchase of common shares	_	_	(686)	_	_	(686)	_	(686)
Equity-settled share-based payments	_	_	_	_	6,077	6,077	_	6,077
Settlement of share-based payment awards	_	_	2,195	_	(1,897)	298	_	298
Transfer to retained earnings	_	_	_	359	(359)	_	_	_
Change in non-controlling interests	_	_	_	_	2,063	2,063	(3,509)	(1,446)
Dividend	_	_	_	_	(14,035)	(14,035)		(16,535)
Balance at December 31, 2024	853	553,715	(9,084)	(67,978)	28,575	506,081	44,070	550,151

The notes are an integral part of these consolidated financial statements.

## **Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows**

For the year ended December 31	Note	2024	2023
In thousands of US dollars			
Cash from operating activities			
(Loss) profit for the period		(25,786)	102,288
Adjustments to reconcile net (loss) profit to net cash flows:			
Non-cash:			
Income tax expense	8	23,409	95,002
Depreciation and amortization	9, 10	58,551	54,636
Asset impairment (reversal) expense	9, 10	(1,449)	8,818
Net finance cost	7	42,835	20,739
Share of loss of associates and joint ventures	12	3,769	3,723
Loss on sale or disposal of property, plant and equipment		162	145
Equity-settled share-based payment transactions	23	6,077	5,799
Movement in provisions, pensions, and government grants	22, 24	(3,744)	(2,137)
Working capital, deferred revenue adjustments, and other			
Change in inventories		(34,756)	7,890
Change in trade and other receivables		(6,967)	4,973
Change in prepayments		(21,977)	36,307
Change in trade payables and other liabilities		58,988	27,708
Change in deferred revenue		(5,924)	(16,358)
Other		(4,502)	(2,333)
Cash generated from operating activities		88,686	347,200
Finance costs paid	7	(50,318)	(40,028)
Finance income received	7	17,820	19,000
Income tax paid	8	(18,673)	(103,172)
Net cash from operating activities		37,515	223,000

## **Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows**

For the year ended December 31	Note	2024	2023
Cash used in investing activities			
Proceeds from sale of property, plant and equipment		161	39
Acquisition of property, plant and equipment and intangibles	9, 10	(107,663)	(153,377)
Investments in associates and joint ventures	12	(23,613)	(21,989)
Change in restricted cash		(72)	5,469
Interest received on restricted cash		_	30
Capitalized borrowing cost paid	9	(15,815)	(15,519)
Other		(39)	3
Net cash used in investing activities		(147,041)	(185,344)
Cash from (used in) financing activities			
Proceeds from issuance of debt	20	103,119	1,395
Payment of transaction costs related to debt	20	(2,483)	_
Repayment of loans and borrowings	20, 21	(6,769)	(15,995)
Net repurchase of common shares	17	(688)	(6,960)
Dividends paid to shareholders	17	(14,035)	(28,212)
Dividends paid to non-controlling interest	17	(1,037)	_
Payment of lease liabilities	30	(6,513)	(5,764)
Contributions by non-controlling interests		_	14,000
Net cash from (used in) financing activities		71,594	(41,536)
Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents		(37,932)	(3,880)
Cash and cash equivalents at Cash and cash equivalents at January 1		345,308	346,043
Effect of exchange rate fluctuations on cash held		(13,122)	3,145
Cash and cash equivalents at Cash and cash equivalents at December 31	16	294,254	345,308

The notes are an integral part of these consolidated financial statements.

# Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements

## 1. Reporting entity

The consolidated financial statements of AMG Critical Materials N.V. (herein referred to as "the Company", "AMG NV" or "AMG") for the year ended December 31, 2024, were authorized for issuance in accordance with a resolution of the Supervisory Board on March 12, 2025.

AMG is domiciled in the Netherlands. The address of the Company's registered office is WTC Amsterdam, Tower 7, Strawinskylaan 1343, 1077 XX Amsterdam. The consolidated financial statements of the Company as of and for the year ended December 31, 2024, comprise the Company and the companies that comprise its subsidiaries (together referred to as the "Group") and the Company's interest in associates and jointly controlled entities.

AMG was incorporated in the Netherlands as a public limited liability company and its outstanding shares are listed on Euronext, Amsterdam, the Netherlands.

No entities in which the Company has less than a 50% interest are consolidated in the Company's financial statements.

The following table includes all material operating entities in which AMG has an ownership interest. The Company has filed on February 5, 2025 a complete list of entities in which AMG has an ownership interest with the Amsterdam Chamber of Commerce.

		Percentage held (directly or indirectly) by the Company	
Name	Country of incorporation	December 31, 2024	December 31, 2023
ALD Thermal Treatment, Inc.	United States	100	100
ALD Tratamientos Termicos S.A. de C.V.	Mexico	100	100
ALD Vacuum Technologies GmbH	Germany	100	100
AMG Aluminum UK Limited	United Kingdom	100	100
AMG Brazil S.A.	Brazil	100	100
AMG Vanadium LLC	United States	100	100
AMG Lithium GmbH	Germany	100	100
GfE Gesellschaft für Elektrometallurgie GmbH	Germany	100	100
GfE Metalle und Materialien GmbH	Germany	100	100
Graphit Kropfmühl GmbH	Germany	60	60
AMG Aluminum North America, LLC	United States	100	100
AMG Chrome Limited	United Kingdom	100	100
RW Silicium GmbH	Germany	100	100
Société Industrielle et Chimique de l'Aisne S.A.S.	France	100	100
VACUHEAT GmbH	Germany	100	100

ALD Vacuum Technologies GmbH and VACUHEAT GmbH intend to exercise the exemption of Sec. 264 (3) HGB "Handelsgesetzbuch".

As of December 31, 2024, there were 3,651 employees at the Company (2023: 3,567). There were 5 employees located in the Netherlands as of December 31, 2024 (2023: 3). All other employees are located outside the Netherlands.

## 2. Basis of preparation

## 1. Statement of compliance

EU law (IAS Regulation EC 1606/2002) requires that the annual consolidated financial statements of the Company for the year ending December 31, 2024, be prepared in accordance with accounting standards adopted and endorsed by the European Union ("EU") further to the IAS Regulation (EC 1606/2002) (further referred to as "IFRS, as endorsed by the EU").

The consolidated financial statements of AMG NV and its subsidiaries have been prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards ("IFRS") as of December 31, 2024, as endorsed by the EU and article 2.362.9 of the Netherlands Civil Code.

## 2. Basis of measurement

The consolidated financial statements have been prepared on the historical cost basis except for the following items, which are measured on an alternative basis on each reporting date. The methods used to measure fair values are discussed further in note 3.

Derivative financial instruments	Fair value	
Non-derivative financial instruments at fair value through profit or loss	Fair value	
Non-derivative financial instruments, including restricted cash, at fair value through other comprehensive income	Fair value	
Net defined benefit (asset) liability	Fair value of plan assets less the present value of the defined benefit obligation, limited as explained in note 3	

## 3. Measurement of fair values

A number of the Company's accounting policies and disclosures require the measurement of fair values, for both financial and non-financial assets and liabilities. The Company has an established control framework with respect to the measurement of fair values. This includes overseeing all significant fair value measurements, including Level 3 fair values.

The Company regularly reviews significant unobservable inputs and valuation adjustments. If third party information, such as broker quotes or pricing services, is used to measure fair values, then the Company assesses the evidence obtained from the third parties to support the conclusion that these valuations meet the requirements of IFRS, including the level in the fair value hierarchy in which the valuations should be classified.

Significant valuation issues are reported to the Company's audit committee.

When measuring the fair value of an asset or a liability, the Company uses observable market data as far as possible.

Fair values are categorized into different levels in a fair value hierarchy based on the inputs used in the valuation techniques as follows:

Level 1: quoted prices (unadjusted) in active markets for identical assets or liabilities;

Level 2: inputs other than quoted prices included in Level 1 that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly (i.e. as prices) or indirectly (i.e. derived from prices); and

Level 3: inputs for the asset or liability that are not based on observable market data (unobservable inputs).

If the inputs used to measure the fair value of an asset or a liability fall into different levels of the fair value hierarchy, then the fair value measurement is categorized in its entirety in the same level of the fair value hierarchy as the lowest level input that is significant to the entire measurement.

The Company recognizes transfers between levels of the fair value hierarchy at the end of the reporting period during which the change has occurred.

Further information about the assumptions made in measuring fair values is included in the following notes:

- note 11 measurement of other investments
- note 23 share-based payments
- note 29 measurement of financial instruments

# 4. Use of estimates and judgments

The preparation of financial statements requires management to make judgments, estimates and assumptions that affect the application of accounting policies and the reported amounts of assets, liabilities, income and expenses. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

Estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognized in the period in which the estimate is revised and in any future periods affected.

# Key uses of judgments

Information related to critical judgments made in applying accounting policies that have the most significant effects on the amounts recognized in the Company's consolidated financial statements are included in the following notes:

- notes 3 and 5 Revenue from contracts with customers: determination of revenue recognition from furnace construction
- · notes 3 and 12 other investments: whether the Company has significant influence over an equity-accounted investee
- notes 3 and 30 Leases: determination of the lease term for some lease contracts which include renewal options

# Assumptions and estimation uncertainty

Information about assumptions and estimation uncertainties that may have a significant risk of resulting in a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities within the next financial year are included in the following notes:

- note 8 Income tax: recognition of income taxes and deferred tax assets
- note 9 Property, plant and equipment: determination of useful lives of mining-related assets
- note 10 Goodwill and other intangible assets: measurement of the recoverable amounts of assets and cash-generating units for purposes of impairment testing
- note 11 Other investments; the assumptions and model used to determine fair value
- note 22 Employee benefits: measurement of plan obligations and actuarial assumptions
- note 23 Share-based payments: the assumptions and model used to determine fair value
- note 24 Provisions: determination of amounts recorded based on expected payments and any regulatory framework
- note 29 Financial instruments: fair value determination based on present value of future cash flows
- note 32 Contingencies: recognition and measurement of contingencies and judgments about the likelihood and magnitude of potential resource outflows

# 3. Material accounting topics

These consolidated financial statements as of December 31, 2024, present the consolidated financial position, results of operations and cash flows of the Company and its subsidiaries. The Company has consistently applied the following accounting policies to all periods presented in these consolidated financial statements.

### 1. Basis of consolidation

#### (a) Business combinations

The Company accounts for business combinations using the acquisition method once control is gained by the Company. Consideration transferred and separately identifiable net assets acquired in the acquisition are measured at fair value. Consideration transferred does not include amounts related to the settlement of pre-existing relationships, which are recognized in profit or loss. Any goodwill that arises is tested annually for impairment. In the event of a bargain purchase, any gain is recognized in the income statement immediately. Transaction costs are expensed as incurred, unless related to the issuance of debt or equity securities.

Contingent consideration is measured at fair value at the date of acquisition. If an obligation to pay contingent consideration meets the definition of a financial instrument classified as equity, then it is not remeasured, and settlement is accounted for within equity. Other contingent consideration is remeasured at fair value at each reporting date, with subsequent changes in the fair value of the contingency being recognized through profit or loss.

#### (b) Subsidiaries

Subsidiaries are entities controlled by the Company. The Company controls an entity when it is exposed to, or has rights to, variable returns from its involvement with the entity and has the ability to affect those returns through its power over the entity. The financial statements of subsidiaries are included in the consolidated financial statements from the date on which control commences until the date on which control ceases.

### (c) Non-controlling interests

Non-controlling interests are measured at their proportionate share of the acquiree's identifiable net assets at the date of acquisition.

Changes in the Company's interest in a subsidiary that do not result in a loss of control are accounted for as equity transactions.

#### (d) Loss of control

When the Company loses control over a subsidiary, it derecognizes the assets and liabilities of the subsidiary, and any related non-controlling interest and other components of equity. Any resulting gain or loss is recognized in profit or loss. Any interest retained in the former subsidiary is measured at fair value when control is lost.

### (e) Interests in equity-accounted investees

The Company's interests in equity-accounted investees comprise interests in associates and joint ventures.

Associates are those entities in which the Company has significant influence, but not control or joint control, over the financial and operating policies. A joint venture is an arrangement in which the Company has joint control, whereby the Company has rights to the net assets of the arrangement, rather than rights to its assets and obligations for its liabilities.

Interests in associates and joint ventures are accounted for using the equity method. They are initially recognized at cost, including transaction costs. Subsequent to initial recognition, the consolidated financial statements include the Company's share of the profit or loss and OCI of equity-accounted investees in accordance with the Company's accounting policies, until the date on which significant influence or joint control ceases.

#### (f) Transactions eliminated on consolidation

Intergroup balances and transactions, and any unrealized income and expenses arising from intergroup transactions, are eliminated. Unrealized gains arising from transactions with equity-accounted investees are eliminated against the investment to the extent of the Company's interest in the investee. Unrealized losses are eliminated similarly, to the extent there is no evidence of impairment.

# 2. Foreign currency

### (a) Functional and presentation currency

These consolidated financial statements are presented in US dollars (\$), which is the Company's functional and presentation currency.

All financial information is presented in US dollars and has been rounded to the nearest thousand, unless otherwise stated.

The local currency is the functional currency for the Company's significant operations outside the United States (US), except operations in the UK and Brazil, where the US dollar is used as the functional currency. The determination of functional currency is based on appropriate economic and management indicators.

### (b) Foreign currency transactions

Transactions in foreign currencies are translated to the respective functional currencies of the Company's entities at exchange rates at the dates of the transactions. Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are retranslated at the functional currency rate of exchange at the reporting date. Non-monetary assets and liabilities that are measured at fair value in a foreign currency are translated into the functional currency at the exchange rate when the fair value was determined. Non-monetary items that are measured based on historical cost in a foreign currency are translated at the exchange rate at the date of the transaction. Foreign currency differences arising from the translation of monetary assets and liabilities denominated in a foreign currency are recognized in profit or loss.

Foreign currency differences arising from the translation of the following items are recognized in other comprehensive income:

- Equity investments classified as fair value through other comprehensive income (except on impairment, in which case foreign currency differences that have been recognized in other comprehensive income are reclassified to profit or loss);
- A financial liability designated as a hedge of the net investment in a foreign operation to the extent that the hedge is effective;
   and
- Qualifying cash flow hedges to the extent that the hedges are effective.

#### (c) Foreign operations

The assets and liabilities of foreign operations, including goodwill and fair value adjustments arising on acquisition, are translated to US dollars at exchange rates at the reporting date. The income and expenses of foreign operations are translated to US dollars at the average exchange rates calculated at the reporting date.

Foreign currency differences arising from the translation of foreign operations are recognized in other comprehensive income and accumulated in the foreign currency translation reserve, except to the extent that the translation difference is allocated to non-controlling interest. When a foreign operation is disposed of, in its entirety or partially such that control, significant influence, or joint control is lost, the cumulative amount in the translation reserve related to that foreign operation is reclassified to profit or loss as part of the gain or loss on disposal. If the Company disposes of part of its interest in a subsidiary but retains control, then the relevant proportion of the cumulative amount is reattributed to non-controlling interest. When the Company disposes of only part of an associate or joint venture while retaining significant influence or joint control, the relevant proportion of the cumulative amount is reclassified to profit or loss.

### 3. Revenue from contracts with customers

#### (a) Goods sold

The Company's contracts for goods sold typically contain a single performance obligation. The timing of when a customer obtains control over goods sold varies depending on the individual terms of the sales agreement. In satisfying the Company's performance obligation to its customers, transfer of control typically occurs when title and risk of loss pass to the customer. In the case of export sales, control of the goods sold may pass when the product reaches a foreign port. Invoices are generally issued according to contractual terms and are usually payable within 30-90 days. The transaction price of goods sold is typically based on contractual terms or market pricing and is not subject to variable consideration.

#### (b) Furnace construction contracts

Furnace construction contract revenue results from the design, engineering and construction of advanced vacuum furnace systems in the AMG Technologies segment. These furnaces are constructed based on specifically negotiated contracts with customers. Contract revenues includes the initial amount agreed in the contract plus any variations in contract work, claims and incentive payments, to the extent that it is probable that they will result in revenue and can be measured reliably. Invoices are generally issued according to contractual terms and are usually payable within 30-90 days.

The performance obligations in the Company's furnace construction contracts are mainly recognized over time. The Company's furnace construction contracts require the Company to develop highly specialized assets that meet the customer's specific needs. The assets do not have an alternative use to the Company, and the Company has a legal right to payment for its services rendered to date for all furnace construction arrangements. The Company recognizes contract revenue over time in proportion to the stage of completion of the contract. The stage of completion is assessed with reference to costs incurred to date and estimated total cost. Otherwise, contract revenue is recognized only to the extent of contract costs incurred that are likely to be recoverable.

Contract expenses are recognized as incurred unless they create an asset related to future contract activity. An expected loss on a contract is recognized immediately in profit or loss.

Amounts expected to be collected from customers for contract work performed is measured at costs incurred plus profits recognized to date, less progress billings and recognized losses.

In the statement of financial position, construction contracts in progress for which costs incurred plus recognized profits exceed progress billings and recognized losses are presented as trade and other receivables. Contracts for which progress billings and recognized losses exceed costs incurred plus recognized profits are presented as deferred revenues and included with advanced payments.

### (c) Heat treatment services

The Company offers heat treatment services on a tolling basis using its internally developed furnace and process technology that is owned and operated by the AMG Technologies segment. The Company's performance obligations under these tolling contracts require the Company to apply this technology to the customer's materials at a contractually agreed upon cost per unit. The Company recognizes revenues for heat treatment services completed to date that the Company has a contractual right to invoice its customers for the related services.

#### (d) Processing services

Within the AMG Vanadium segment, the Company performs services to convert spent refinery catalyst and other vanadium-bearing residues into ferrovanadium and a ferronickel-molybdenum alloy. These metals are reclaimed from spent catalyst using the Company's proprietary roasting and pyrometallurgical processes. The reclaimed metals are then sold to the carbon and stainless-steel industries. The Company's performance obligations under these contracts require the Company to process the materials and reclaim the metals at a contractually agreed upon cost per unit. The Company recognizes revenues at a point in time for processing services completed to date to the extent that the Company has a contractual right to invoice its customers for the related services. Processing fees can be subject to adjustments based on the market prices of the reclaimed metals for a period up to to three months after roasting. To account for this potential volatility in the processing fee revenue, the Company defers a portion of its processing fee revenue until the uncertainty related to the metal prices is resolved in accordance with the variable consideration policy noted below. The deferral is determined taking into account the historical volatility of the metal prices relative to the market price at the reporting date.

#### (e) Commissions

If the Company acts in the capacity of an agent rather than as the principal in a transaction, then the revenue recognized is the net amount of commission made by the Company.

### (f) Warranty obligations

The Company typically provides warranties for general repairs of defects that existed at the time of sale, as required by law. These assurance-type warranties are not considered to be separate performance obligations and are accounted for under IAS 37 Provisions, Contingent Liabilities and Contingent Assets as described in our accounting policy for provisions.

### (g) Variable consideration

If the consideration in a contract includes a variable amount, the Company estimates the amount of consideration to which it will be entitled in exchange for providing services or for transferring the goods to the customer. The variable consideration is estimated at contract inception and constrained until it is highly probable that a significant revenue reversal in the amount of cumulative revenue recognized will not occur when the associated uncertainty with the variable consideration is subsequently resolved.

#### Finance income and cost

Finance income comprises interest income on funds invested, changes in the discount on provisions, foreign currency gains and gains on derivatives and hedging instruments. Interest income is recognized as it is earned, using the effective interest method.

Finance cost comprises interest expense on borrowings and interest rate caps and swaps, amendment fees on borrowings, amortization of loan issuance costs, interest expense on lease liabilities, commitment fees on borrowings, changes in the discount on provisions, interest on tax liabilities, foreign currency losses, losses on derivatives and hedging instruments, fees for letters of credit/guarantees, interest for accounts receivable factoring or supply chain financing and any loss recorded on debt extinguishment. All transaction costs are recognized in profit or loss using the effective interest method when the costs are related to actual borrowings on the facility or using the straight-line method when they are related to the revolving credit facility.

### 5. Income tax expense

Income tax expense comprises current and deferred tax.

It is recognized in profit or loss except to the extent that it relates to a business combination, or items recognized directly in equity or in other comprehensive income.

Interest and penalties related to income taxes, including uncertain tax treatments, are accounted for under IAS 37 Provisions, Contingent Liabilities and Contingent Assets.

The Company has determined that the global minimum top-up tax - which it is required to pay under Pillar Two legislation - is an income tax in the scope of IAS 12. The Group has applied a temporary mandatory relief from deferred tax accounting for the impacts of the top-up tax and accounts for it as a current tax when it is incurred.

#### (a) Current tax

Current tax comprises the expected tax payable or receivable on the taxable income or loss for the year and any adjustment to the tax payable or receivable in respect of previous years. The amount of current tax payable or receivable is the best estimate of the tax amount expected to be paid or received that reflects uncertainty related to income taxes, if any. It is measured using tax rates enacted or substantively enacted at the reporting date. Current tax also includes any tax arising from dividends.

Current tax assets and liabilities are offset only if allowable in the related tax jurisdiction.

#### (b) Deferred tax

Deferred tax is recognized in respect of temporary differences between the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities for financial reporting purposes and the amounts used for taxation purposes. Deferred tax is not recognized for:

- temporary differences on the initial recognition of assets or liabilities in a transaction that is not a business combination and that affects neither accounting nor taxable profit or loss;
- temporary differences related to investments in subsidiaries, associates and joint ventures to the extent that the Company is
  able to control the timing of the reversal of the temporary differences and it is probable that they will not reverse in the
  foreseeable future; and
- · taxable temporary differences arising on the initial recognition of goodwill.

Deferred tax assets are recognized for unused tax losses, unused tax credits and deductible temporary differences to the extent that it is probable that future taxable profits will be available against which they can be used. Future taxable profits are determined based on business plans for individual subsidiaries in the Company and the reversal of temporary differences. If the amount of taxable temporary differences is insufficient to recognize a deferred tax asset in full, then future taxable profits, adjusted for reversals of existing temporary differences, are considered, based on the business plans for individual subsidiaries in the Company. Deferred tax assets are reviewed at each reporting date and are reduced to the extent that it is no longer probable that the related tax benefit will be realized; such reductions are reversed when the probability of future taxable profits improves.

Unrecognized deferred tax assets are reassessed at each reporting date and recognized to the extent that it has become probable that future taxable profits will be available against which they can be used.

Deferred tax is measured at the tax rates that are expected to be applied to temporary differences when they reverse, using tax rates enacted or substantively enacted at the reporting date.

The measurement of deferred tax reflects the tax consequences that would follow from the manner in which the Company expects, at the reporting date, to recover or settle the carrying amount of its assets and liabilities.

Deferred tax assets and liabilities are offset generally when they arise in the same tax jurisdiction.

#### (c) Sales and other taxes

Revenues, expenses and assets are recognized net of the amount of sales tax except:

- where the sales tax incurred on a purchase of assets or services is not recoverable from the taxation authority, in which case the sales tax is recognized as part of the cost of acquisition of the asset or as part of the expense item as applicable; and
- receivables and payables that are stated with the amount of sales tax included.

The net amount of sales tax recoverable from, or payable to, the taxation authority is included as part of receivables or payables in the statement of financial position.

Additional income taxes that arise from the distribution of dividends are recognized at the same time as the liability to pay the related dividend is recognized.

# 6. Government grants

Grants that compensate the Group for expenses incurred are recognized in profit or loss as a reduction of the relevant expense on a systematic basis in the periods in which the expenses are recognized, unless the condition for receiving the grant are met after the related expenses have been recognized. In this case, the grant is recognized when it becomes receivable. For grants related to the construction of an asset, the Group recognizes the grant proceeds as a reduction in the value of the asset once all conditions of the grant are satisfied.

# 7. Financial instruments

A financial instrument is any contract that gives rise to a financial asset of one entity and a financial liability or equity instrument of another entity.

### (a) Financial assets: Initial recognition and measurement

Financial assets are classified, at initial recognition, as subsequently measured at amortized cost, fair value through other comprehensive income (OCI), or fair value through profit or loss.

The classification of financial assets at initial recognition depends on the financial asset's contractual cash flow characteristics and the Company's business model for managing them. The Company initially measures a financial asset at its fair value plus, in the case of a financial asset not at fair value through profit or loss, transaction costs. Trade receivables that do not contain a significant financing component or for which the Company has applied the practical expedient are measured at the transaction price as disclosed in section (c) Revenue from contracts with customers.

In order for a financial asset to be classified and measured at amortized cost or fair value through OCI, it needs to give rise to cash flows that are 'solely payments of principal and interest (SPPI)' on the principal amount outstanding. This assessment is referred to as the SPPI test and is performed at an instrument level. Financial assets with cash flows that are not SPPI are classified and measured at fair value through profit or loss, irrespective of the business model.

The Company's business model for managing financial assets refers to how it manages its financial assets in order to generate cash flows. The business model determines whether cash flows will result from collecting contractual cash flows, selling the financial assets, or both. Financial assets classified and measured at amortized cost are held within a business model with the objective to hold financial assets in order to collect contractual cash flows while financial assets classified and measured at fair value through OCI are held within a business model with the objective of both holding to collect contractual cash flows and selling.

Purchases or sales of financial assets that require delivery of assets within a time frame established by regulation or convention in the marketplace (regular way trades) are recognized on the trade date, i.e., the date that the Company commits to purchase or sell the asset.

#### Subsequent measurement

For purposes of subsequent measurement, financial assets are classified in three categories:

- Financial assets at amortized cost (debt instruments)
- Financial assets designated at fair value through OCI with no recycling of cumulative gains and losses upon derecognition (equity instruments)
- · Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss

#### Financial assets at amortized cost (debt instruments)

Financial assets at amortized cost are subsequently measured using the effective interest method and are subject to impairment. Gains and losses are recognized in profit or loss when the asset is derecognized, modified or impaired.

The Company's financial assets at amortized cost includes trade receivables.

Financial assets designated at fair value through OCI (equity instruments)

Upon initial recognition, the Company can elect to classify irrevocably its equity investments as equity instruments designated at fair value through OCI when they meet the definition of equity under IAS 32 Financial Instruments: Presentation and are not held for trading. The classification is determined on an instrument-by-instrument basis.

Gains and losses on these financial assets are never recycled to profit or loss. Dividends are recognized as other income in profit or loss when the right of payment has been established, except when the Company benefits from such proceeds as a recovery of part of the cost of the financial asset, in which case, such gains are recorded in OCI. Equity instruments designated at fair value through OCI are not subject to impairment assessment.

The Company elected to classify its other investments (note 11) under this category.

Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss

Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss are carried in the statement of financial position at fair value with net changes in fair value recognized in profit or loss.

This category includes the Company's derivative instruments that have not been designated for hedge accounting.

A derivative embedded in a hybrid contract, with a financial liability or non-financial host, is separated from the host and accounted for as a separate derivative if: the economic characteristics and risks are not closely related to the host; a separate instrument with the same terms as the embedded derivative would meet the definition of a derivative; and the hybrid contract is not measured at fair value through profit or loss. Embedded derivatives are measured at fair value with changes in fair value recognized in profit or loss. Reassessment only occurs if there is either a change in the terms of the contract that significantly modifies the cash flows that would otherwise be required or a reclassification of a financial asset out of the fair value through profit or loss category. The Company does not currently have any embedded derivatives that are accounted for separately from the host.

#### Derecognition

A financial asset (or, where applicable, a part of a financial asset or part of a group of similar financial assets) is primarily derecognized (i.e., removed from the Company's consolidated statement of financial position) when the rights to receive cash flows from the asset have expired or when the Company has transferred its rights to receive cash flows from the asset or has assumed an obligation to pay the received cash flows in full without material delay to a third party under a 'pass-through' arrangement. In order for a pass-through arrangement to qualify for derecognition, the Company must have transferred substantially all the risks and rewards of the asset, or the Company has neither transferred nor retained substantially all the risks and rewards of the asset, but has transferred control of the asset.

When the Company has transferred its rights to receive cash flows from an asset or has entered into a pass-through arrangement, it evaluates if, and to what extent, it has retained the risks and rewards of ownership. When it has neither transferred nor retained substantially all of the risks and rewards of the asset, nor transferred control of the asset, the Company continues to recognize the transferred asset to the extent of its continuing involvement. In that case, the Company also recognizes an associated liability. The transferred asset and the associated liability are measured on a basis that reflects the rights and obligations that the Company has retained.

Continuing involvement that takes the form of a guarantee over the transferred asset is measured at the lower of the original carrying amount of the asset and the maximum amount of consideration that the Company could be required to repay.

#### Impairment

The Company recognizes an allowance for expected credit losses ("ECL's") for all debt instruments not held at fair value through profit or loss. ECL's are based on the difference between the contractual cash flows due in accordance with the contract and all the cash flows that the Company expects to receive, discounted at an approximation of the original effective interest rate. The expected cash flows will include cash flows from the sale of collateral held or other credit enhancements that are integral to the contractual terms.

ECL's are recognized in two stages. For credit exposures for which there has not been a significant increase in credit risk since initial recognition, ECL's are provided for credit losses that result from default events that are possible within the next 12 months (a 12-month ECL). For those credit exposures for which there has been a significant increase in credit risk since initial recognition, a loss allowance is required for credit losses expected over the remaining life of the exposure, irrespective of the timing of the default (a lifetime ECL).

For trade receivables and contract assets, the Company applies a simplified approach in calculating ECL's. Therefore, the Company does not track changes in credit risk, but instead recognizes a loss allowance based on lifetime ECL's at each reporting date. The Company has established an allowance matrix that is based on its historical credit loss experience, adjusted for forward-looking factors specific to the debtors and the economic environment.

The Company considers a financial asset to be in default when internal or external information indicates that the Company is unlikely to receive the outstanding contractual amounts in full before considering any credit enhancements held by the Company. A financial asset is written-off when there is no reasonable expectation of recovering the contractual cash flows.

### (b) Financial liabilities: Initial recognition and measurement

Financial liabilities are classified, at initial recognition, as financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss, loans and borrowings, payables, or as derivatives designated as hedging instruments in an effective hedge, as appropriate.

All financial liabilities are recognized initially at fair value and, in the case of loans and borrowings and payables, net of directly attributable transaction costs.

The Company's financial liabilities include trade and other payables, loans and borrowings, short-term bank debt and derivative financial instruments.

### Subsequent measurement

For purposes of subsequent measurement, financial liabilities are classified in two categories:

- · Financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss
- · Financial liabilities at amortized cost (loans and borrowings)

#### Financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss

Financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss include financial liabilities held for trading and financial liabilities designated upon initial recognition as at fair value through profit or loss.

Financial liabilities are classified as held for trading if they are incurred for the purpose of repurchasing in the near term. This category also includes derivative financial instruments entered into by the Company that are not designated as hedging instruments in hedge relationships as defined by IFRS 9. Separated embedded derivatives are also classified as held for trading unless they are designated as effective hedging instruments.

Gains or losses on liabilities held for trading are recognized in profit or loss.

Financial liabilities designated upon initial recognition at fair value through profit or loss are designated at the initial date of recognition, and only if the criteria in IFRS 9 are satisfied. The Company has not designated any financial liability as at fair value through profit or loss.

#### Financial liabilities at amortized cost (loans and borrowings)

This is the category most relevant to the Company. After initial recognition, interest-bearing loans and borrowings are subsequently measured at amortized cost using the effective interest rate method. Gains and losses are recognized in profit or loss when the liabilities are derecognized as well as through the effective interest rate amortization process.

Amortized cost is calculated by taking into account any discount or premium on acquisition and fees or costs that are an integral part of the effective interest rate. The effective interest rate amortization is included as finance costs in the income statement.

This category generally applies to interest-bearing loans and borrowings (note 20) and short-term bank debt (note 21).

#### Derecognition

A financial liability is derecognized when the obligation under the liability is discharged or cancelled or expires. When an existing financial liability is replaced by another from the same lender on substantially different terms, or the terms of an existing liability are substantially modified, such an exchange or modification is treated as the derecognition of the original liability and the recognition of a new liability. The difference in the respective carrying amounts is recognized in profit or loss.

### (c) Offsetting of financial instruments

Financial assets and financial liabilities are offset and the net amount is reported in the consolidated statement of financial position if there is a currently enforceable legal right to offset the recognized amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis, to realize the assets and settle the liabilities simultaneously.

### (d) Derivative financial instruments and hedge accounting

The Company uses derivative financial instruments, such as forward currency contracts, energy forward contracts, interest rate caps and swaps and forward commodity contracts, to hedge its foreign currency risks, energy price risks, interest rate risks and commodity price risks, respectively. Derivative instruments, which include physical contracts that do not meet the own use exemption, are initially recognized at fair value when the Company becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the instrument and are subsequently remeasured to fair value at the end of each reporting period. Derivatives are carried as financial assets when the fair value is positive and as financial liabilities when the fair value is negative.

The Company designates derivatives as hedging instruments to hedge the variability in cash flows associated with highly probable forecast transactions arising from changes in foreign exchange rates, energy prices, commodity prices and interest rates.

At inception of designated hedging relationships, the Company documents the risk management objective and strategy for undertaking the hedge. The Company also documents the economic relationship between the hedged item and the hedging instrument, including whether the changes in cash flows of the hedged item and hedging instrument are expected to offset each other.

#### Cash flow hedges

When a derivative is designated as a cash flow hedging instrument, the effective portion of changes in the fair value of the derivative is recognized in other comprehensive income and accumulated in the hedging reserve. The effective portion of changes in fair value of the derivative that is recognized in other comprehensive income is limited to the cumulative change in fair value of the hedged item, determined on a present value basis, from inception of the hedge. Any ineffective portion of changes in the fair value of the derivative is recognized immediately in profit or loss.

The Company designates only the change in fair value of the spot element of forward exchange contracts as the hedging instrument in cash flow hedging relationships. The change in fair value of the forward element of forward exchange contracts is separately accounted for as a cost of hedging and recognized in a cost of hedging reserve within equity.

When the hedged forecast transaction subsequently results in the recognition of a non-financial item such as inventory, the amount accumulated in the hedging reserve and the cost of hedging reserve is included directly in the initial cost of the non-financial item when it is recognized.

For all other hedged forecast transactions, the amount accumulated in the hedging reserve and the cost of hedging reserve is reclassified to profit or loss in the same period or periods during which the hedged expected future cash flows affect profit or loss.

If the hedge no longer meets the criteria for hedge accounting or the hedging instrument is sold, expires, is terminated or is exercised, then hedge accounting is discontinued prospectively. When hedge accounting for cash flow hedges is discontinued, the amount that has been accumulated in the hedging reserve remains in equity until, for a hedge of a transaction resulting in the recognition of a non-financial item, it is included in the non-financial item's cost on its initial recognition or, for other cash flow hedges, it is reclassified to profit or loss in the same period or periods as the hedged expected future cash flows affect profit or loss.

If the hedged future cash flows are no longer expected to occur, then the amounts that have been accumulated in the hedging reserve and the cost of hedging reserve are immediately reclassified to profit or loss.

# 8. Share capital

#### (a) Ordinary shares

Incremental costs directly attributable to the issue of ordinary shares, net of any tax effects, are recognized as a deduction from equity. Income tax relating to transaction costs of an equity transaction is accounted for in accordance with IAS 12.

### (b) Repurchase and reissue of ordinary shares (treasury shares)

When shares recognized as equity are repurchased, the amount of the consideration paid, which includes directly attributable costs, net of any tax effects, is recognized as a deduction from equity. Repurchased shares are classified as treasury shares and are presented in the treasury share reserve. When treasury shares are sold or reissued subsequently, the amount received is recognized as an increase in equity, and the resulting surplus or deficit on the transaction is presented within share premium.

# 9. Employee benefits

#### (a) Short-term benefits

Short-term employee benefits are expensed as the related service is provided. A liability is recognized for the amount expected to be paid if the Company has a present legal or constructive obligation to pay this amount as a result of past service provided by the employee and the obligation can be estimated reliably.

### (b) Share-based payment transactions

The grant date fair value of equity-settled share-based payment arrangements granted to employees is generally recognized as an expense, with a corresponding increase in equity, over the vesting period of the awards. The amount recognized as an expense is adjusted to reflect the number of awards for which the related service and non-market performance conditions are expected to be met, such that the amount ultimately recognized is based on the number of awards that meet the related service and non-market performance conditions at the vesting date. For share-based payment awards with market and non-vesting conditions, the grant date fair value of the share-based payment is measured to reflect such conditions and there is no true-up for differences between expected and actual outcomes.

### (c) Defined contribution plans

Obligations for contributions to defined contribution plans are expensed as the related service is provided. Prepaid contributions are recognized as an asset to the extent that a cash refund or a reduction in future payments is available.

### (d) Defined benefit plans

The Company's net obligation in respect of defined benefit plans is calculated separately for each plan by estimating the amount of future benefit that employees have earned in the current and prior periods, discounting that amount and deducting the fair value of any plan assets.

The calculation of defined benefit obligations is performed annually by a qualified actuary using the projected unit credit method. When the calculation results in a potential asset for the Company, the recognized asset is limited to the present value of economic benefits available in the form of any future refunds from the plan or reductions in future contributions to the plan. To calculate the present value of economic benefits, consideration is given to any applicable minimum funding requirements.

Remeasurements of the net defined benefit liability, which comprise actuarial gains and losses, the return on plan assets (excluding interest) and the effect of the asset ceiling (if any, excluding interest), are recognized immediately in other comprehensive income. The Company determines the net interest expense (income) on the net defined benefit liability (asset) for the period by applying the discount rate used to measure the defined benefit obligation at the beginning of the annual period to the then net defined benefit liability (asset), taking into account any changes in the net defined benefit liability (asset) during the period as a result of contributions and benefit payments. Net interest expense and other expenses related to defined benefit plans are recognized in profit or loss.

When the benefits of a plan are changed or when a plan is curtailed, the resulting change in benefit that relates to past service or the gain or loss on curtailment is recognized immediately in profit or loss. The Company recognizes gains and losses on the settlement of a defined benefit plan when the settlement occurs.

### (e) Other long-term employee benefits

The Company's net obligation in respect of long-term employee benefits is the amount of future benefit that employees have earned in return for their service in the current and prior periods. That benefit is discounted to determine its present value. Remeasurements are recognized in profit or loss in the period in which they arise.

#### (f) Termination benefits

Termination benefits are expensed at the earlier of when the Company can no longer withdraw the offer of those benefits and when the Company recognizes costs for a restructuring. If benefits are not expected to be settled wholly within 12 months of the reporting date, then they are discounted.

# 10. Property, plant and equipment

### (a) Recognition and measurement

Items of property, plant and equipment are measured at cost, which includes capitalized borrowing costs, less accumulated depreciation and any accumulated impairment losses.

Costs associated with developing mine reserves are recognized in property, plant and equipment when they are established as commercially viable. These costs can include amounts that were previously recognized as intangible assets during the evaluation phase of the mine development.

Borrowing costs directly attributable to the acquisition, construction or production of an asset that necessarily takes a substantial period of time to get ready for its intended use or sale are capitalized as part of the cost of the respective assets. All other borrowing costs are expensed in the period they occur. Borrowing costs consist of interest and other costs that an entity incurs in connection with the borrowing of funds.

If significant parts of an item of property, plant and equipment have different useful lives, then they are accounted for as separate items (major components) of property, plant and equipment.

Any gain or loss on disposal of an item of property, plant and equipment is recognized in profit or loss.

#### (b) Subsequent expenditures

Subsequent expenditure is capitalized only if it is probable that the future economic benefits associated with the expenditure will flow to the Company.

#### (c) Depreciation

Depreciation is calculated to write-off the cost of items of property, plant and equipment less their estimated residual values using the straight-line method over their estimated useful lives and is generally recognized in the income statement. Land is not depreciated.

The estimated useful lives of property, plant and equipment for current and comparative periods are as follows:

Mining costs	4-20 years
Buildings and improvements	2-50 years
Machinery and equipment	2-25 years
Furniture and fixtures	2-15 years

Depreciation methods, useful lives and residual values are reviewed at each reporting date and adjusted if appropriate.

The depreciation of mining costs is linked to production levels. Therefore, these assets are amortized using a units of production basis. The Company's mine in Brazil is currently the only mine asset being depreciated using this basis and approximates an 17-year remaining life of the mine based on updated geology studies. Other mining assets are depreciated on a straight-line basis ranging from 4-20 years, depending on useful life.

# 11. Goodwill and other intangible assets

#### (a) Goodwill

Goodwill arising on the acquisition of subsidiaries is measured at cost less accumulated impairment losses.

#### (b) Research and development

Expenditure on research activities is recognized in profit or loss when incurred.

Development expenditures are capitalized if and only if the following criteria are met:

- · the expenditure can be measured reliably;
- · the product or process is technically and commercially feasible;
- · future economic benefits are probable; and
- · the Company intends to and has sufficient resources to complete development and to use or sell the asset.

Research and development costs that do not qualify as assets are shown within selling, general and administrative expenses in the income statement. Subsequent to initial recognition, development expenditure is measured at cost less accumulated amortization and any accumulated impairment losses.

### (c) Mining assets

Mining assets which are included in intangible assets include exploration, evaluation and development expenditures. See material accounting topics section (k) for additional information on the accounting for mining assets.

#### (d) Other intangible assets

Other intangible assets, including software, customer relationships, patents and trademarks that are acquired by the Company and have finite useful lives are measured at cost less accumulated amortization and any accumulated impairment losses.

#### (e) Subsequent expenditure

Subsequent expenditure is capitalized only when it increases the future economic benefits embodied in the specific asset to which it relates. All other expenditure, including expenditure on internally generated goodwill, is recognized in the income statement as incurred.

#### (f) Amortization

Amortization is calculated to write-off the cost of intangible assets less their estimated residual values using the straight-line method over their estimated useful lives, and is generally recognized in profit or loss. Goodwill is not amortized. Amortization methods, useful lives and residual values are reviewed at each reporting date and adjusted if appropriate.

The estimated useful lives for current and comparative periods are based on expected futures sales for the related asset and are as follows:

Customer relationships	5-15 years
Development costs	8-20 years
Machinery and equipment	9-12 years
Mining assets	2-20 years

### 12. Inventories

Inventories are measured at the lower of cost and net realizable value. The cost of inventories is determined based on the average cost and specific identification methods, and includes expenditures incurred in acquiring the inventories and bringing them to their existing location and condition. In the case of finished goods inventory and work in process, cost includes materials and labor as well as an appropriate share of production overhead based on normal operating capacity. The Company invests in various growth projects which can include new facilities, technologies or production processes. The Company purchases inventory during the commissioning of these facilities and processes. In some cases, the Company does not have any prior experience in producing the ultimate end product and lacks the historical experience to accurately assess an appropriate net realizable value. In such situations, the Company assesses the cost of the inventory against prevailing market prices. To the extent that the market prices of such inventory exceed the carrying value of inventories, the Company measures the inventory at the lower of the cost or prevailing market prices.

# 13. Mining assets

#### (a) Exploration, evaluation and development expenditures

Exploration and evaluation expenditures relate to costs incurred on the exploration and evaluation of potential mineral resources. These costs are recorded as intangible assets while exploration is in progress. When commercially recoverable reserves are determined, and such development receives the appropriate approvals, capitalized exploration and evaluation expenditures are transferred to construction in progress. Upon completion of development and commencement of production, capitalized development costs as well as exploration and evaluation expenditures are transferred to mining assets in property, plant and equipment and depreciated over their estimated useful life.

### (b) Deferred stripping costs

The Company is following IFRIC 20 for all surface mine accounting. The Interpretation only applies to stripping costs incurred during the production phase of a surface mine (production stripping costs). Costs incurred in undertaking stripping activities are considered to create two possible benefits: a) the production of inventory in the current period and/or b) improved access to ore to be mined in a future period. Where the benefits are realized in the form of inventory produced, the production stripping costs are to be accounted for in accordance with IAS 2. Where the benefit is improved access to ore that will be mined in the future, these costs are to be recognized as a non-current asset.

Production stripping costs are capitalized as part of an asset when the Company can demonstrate: a) it is probable that future economic benefit associated with the stripping activity will flow to the entity; b) the entity can identify the component of an ore body for which access has been improved; and c) the costs can be reliably measured. These costs are amortized over the life of the component ore body identified.

### 14. Leases

At inception of a contract, the Company assesses whether a contract is, or contains, a lease. A contract is, or contains, a lease if the contract conveys the right to control the use of an identified asset for a period of time in exchange for consideration.

#### (a) As a lessee

At commencement or on modification of a contract that contains a lease component, the Company allocates the consideration in the contract to each lease component on the basis of its relative stand-alone prices.

The Company recognizes a right-of-use asset and a lease liability at the lease commencement date. The right-of-use asset is initially measured at cost, which comprises the initial amount of the lease liability adjusted for any lease payments made at or before the commencement date, plus any initial direct costs incurred and an estimate of costs to dismantle and remove the underlying asset or to restore the underlying asset or the site on which it is located, less any lease incentives received.

The right-of-use asset is subsequently depreciated using the straight-line method from the commencement date to the end of the lease term, unless the lease transfers ownership of the underlying asset to the Company by the end of the lease term or the cost of the right-of-use asset reflects that the Company will exercise a purchase option. In that case the right-of-use asset will be depreciated over the useful life of the underlying asset, which is determined on the same basis as those of property and equipment. In addition, the right-of-use asset is periodically reduced by impairment losses, if any, and adjusted for remeasurements of the lease liability.

The lease liability is initially measured at the present value of the lease payments that are not paid at the commencement date, discounted using the interest rate implicit in the lease or, if that rate cannot be readily determined, the Company's incremental borrowing rate. Generally, the Company uses its incremental borrowing rate as the discount rate.

The Company determines its incremental borrowing rate by obtaining interest rates from various external financing sources and makes adjustments to reflect the terms of the lease and type of the asset leased.

Lease payments included in the measurement of the lease liability comprise the following:

- fixed payments, including in-substance fixed payments;
- variable lease payments that depend on an index or a rate, initially measured using the index or rate as at the commencement
- · amounts expected to be payable under a residual value guarantee; and
- the exercise price under a purchase option that the Company is reasonably certain to exercise, lease payments in an optional renewal period if the Company is reasonably certain to exercise an extension option, and penalties for early termination of a lease unless the Company is reasonably certain not to terminate early.

The lease liability is measured at amortized cost using the effective interest method. It is remeasured when there is a change in future lease payments arising from a change in an index or rate, if there is a change in the Company's estimate of the amount expected to be payable under a residual value guarantee, if the Company changes its assessment of whether it will exercise a purchase, extension or termination option or if there is a revised in-substance fixed lease payment.

When the lease liability is remeasured in this way, a corresponding adjustment is made to the carrying amount of the right-of-use asset or is recorded in profit or loss if the carrying amount of the right-of-use asset has been reduced to zero.

The Company presents right-of-use assets that do not meet the definition of investment property in property, plant and equipment and lease liabilities are presented as a separate line item in the statement of financial position.

Short-term leases and leases of low-value assets

The Company has elected not to recognize right-of-use assets and lease liabilities for leases of low-value assets and short- term leases. The Company recognizes the lease payments associated with these leases as an expense on a straight-line basis over the lease term.

# 15. Impairment of non-financial assets

At each reporting date, the Company reviews the carrying amounts of its non-financial assets (other than inventories, contract assets and deferred tax assets) to determine whether there is any indication of impairment. If any such indication exists, then the asset's recoverable amount is estimated. Goodwill is tested annually for impairment.

For impairment testing, assets are grouped together into the smallest group of assets that generates cash inflows from continuing use that are largely independent of the cash inflows of other assets or cash generating units. Goodwill arising from a business combination is allocated to cash generating units or groups of cash generating units that are expected to benefit from the synergies of the combination.

The recoverable amount of an asset or cash generating unit is the greater of its value in use and its fair value less costs to sell. Value in use is based on the estimated future cash flows, discounted to their present value using a pre-tax discount rate that reflects current market assessments of the time value of money and the risks specific to the asset or cash generating unit.

An impairment loss is recognized if the carrying amount of an asset or cash generating unit exceeds its recoverable amount.

Impairment losses are recognized in the income statement. They are allocated first to reduce the carrying amount of any goodwill allocated to the cash generating unit, and then to reduce the carrying amounts of the other assets in the cash generating unit on a pro rata basis.

An impairment loss in respect of goodwill is not reversed. For other assets, an impairment loss is reversed only to the extent that the asset's carrying amount does not exceed the carrying amount that would have been determined, net of depreciation or amortization, if no impairment loss had been recognized.

### 16. Provisions

Provisions are recognized when:

- the Company has a present obligation (legal or constructive) as a result of a past event;
- it is probable that an outflow of resources embodying economic benefits will be required to settle the obligation; and
- a reliable estimate can be made for the amount of the obligation.

If the effect of the time value of money is material, provisions are discounted using a current pre-tax rate that reflects current market assessments of the time value of money and the risks specific to the liability. The unwinding of the discount is recognized as finance cost.

### (a) Environmental remediation costs and recoveries

Several subsidiaries of the Company are faced with a number of issues relating to environmental clean-up requirements, largely resulting from historical solid and hazardous waste handling and disposal practices at their facilities. In accordance with the Company's environmental policy and applicable legal requirements, provisions associated with environmental remediation obligations are accrued when such losses are deemed probable and reasonably estimable. Such accruals generally are recognized no later than the completion of the remedial feasibility study and are adjusted as further information develops or circumstances change.

A provision is made for shutdown, restoration and environmental rehabilitation costs in the financial period when the related environmental disturbance occurs, based on the estimated future costs using information available at the reporting date. The provision is discounted using a current market-based pre-tax discount rate and any change in the discount is included in finance cost. The provision is reviewed on an annual basis for changes to obligations, legislation or discount rates that may lead to changes in cost estimates or the expected timeline for payments.

Where the Company expects some or all of an environmental provision to be reimbursed, for example using a trust account, the reimbursement is recognized as a separate asset but only when the reimbursement is virtually certain. The expense relating to any provision is presented in the income statement net of any reimbursement. The subsidiaries of the Company have been required, in several instances, to create trust funds for the environmental rehabilitation. Once established, the subsidiaries have a 100% interest in these funds. Rehabilitation and restoration trust funds holding monies committed for use in satisfying environmental obligations are included on a discounted basis within other non-current assets on the statement of financial position, only to the extent that a liability exists for these obligations.

Environmental expense recoveries are generally recognized in profit or loss upon final settlement with the Company's insurance carriers.

Additional environmental remediation costs and provisions may be required if the Company were to decide to close its sites. Several of the Company's restructuring programs have involved closure of sites. Remediation liabilities are recognized when the site closure has been announced. In the opinion of the Company, it is not possible to estimate reliably the costs that would be incurred on the eventual closure of its continuing sites, where there is no present obligation to remediate, because it is neither possible to determine a time limit beyond which the sites will no longer be operated, nor what remediation costs may be required on their eventual closure.

#### (b) Restructuring

A provision for restructuring is recognized when the Company has approved a detailed and formal restructuring plan, and the restructuring either has commenced or has been announced publicly. Provisions are not made for future operating costs. The timing of recording of portions of the restructuring provision is dependent on receiving social plan approval generally in European jurisdictions which require external approval. Changes in the estimate of costs related to restructuring plans are included in profit or loss in the period when the change is identified.

#### (c) Warranty

A provision for warranty is recognized when the Company has determined that it has a basis for recording a warranty provision based on historical returns for warranty work. The estimate of warranty-related costs is updated and revised at each reporting date.

#### (d) Partial retirement

The collective agreements for retirement indemnities on our French subsidiary and the corresponding commitments are updated and revised at each reporting date.

#### (e) Cost estimates

As part of its process to provide reliable estimations of profitability for long-term contracts, the Company makes provisions for cost estimates for completed contracts. These provisions are developed on a contract by contract basis and are based on contractor estimates and are utilized or derecognized depending on actual performance of the contracts. The cost estimates are updated and revised at each reporting date.

### (f) Restoration, rehabilitation and decommissioning costs

Restoration, rehabilitation and decommissioning costs arising from the installation of plant and other site preparation work, discounted to their net present value, are provided for and capitalized at the time such an obligation arises. The costs are charged to the income statement over the life of the operation through depreciation of the asset and the unwinding of the discount on the provision.

Mine rehabilitation costs will be incurred by the Company at the end of the operating life of some of the Company's facilities and mine properties. The Company assesses its mine rehabilitation provision at each reporting date. The ultimate rehabilitation costs are uncertain, and cost estimates can vary in response to many factors, including estimates of the extent and costs of rehabilitation activities, technological changes, regulatory changes, cost increases as compared to the inflation rates, and changes in discount rates. The provision recorded at each reporting date represents management's best estimate of the present value of the future rehabilitation costs required.

Costs for restoration of subsequent site disturbance, which is created on an ongoing basis during production, are provided for at their net present values and charged to the income statement as extraction progresses.

### 17. New and amended standards and interpretations

The following new standards became effective for annual periods beginning on January 1, 2024; however, these amended standards and interpretations did not have a significant impact on the Company's consolidated financial statements.

- Non-current Liabilities with Covenants Amendments to IAS 1 and Classification of Liabilities as Current or Non-current -Amendments to IAS 1.
- · Lease liability in a Sale and Leaseback Amendments to IFRS 16
- Supplier Finance Arrangements Amendments to IAS 7 and IFRS 7

# 18. Standards issued but not yet effective

A number of new standards are effective for annual periods beginning after January 1, 2024 and earlier application is permitted; however, the Company has not early adopted the new or amended standards in preparing these consolidated financial statements. The following amended standards and interpretations are not expected to have a significant impact on the Company's consolidated financial statements.

- · Lack of Exchangeability Amendments to IAS 21
- · Classification and Measurement of Financial Instruments Amendments to IFRS 9 and IFRS 7
- · Annual Improvements to IFRS Accounting Standards Volume 11
- IFRS 18 Presentation and Disclosure in the Financial Statements
- · IFRS 19 Subsidiaries without Public Accountability: Disclosures
- · Sale of Contribution of Assets between and Investor and its Associate or Joint Venture Amendments to IFRS 10 and IAS 28

# 4. Segment reporting

Effective January 1, 2024, the Company amended its organization structure resulting in three new reporting segments: AMG Lithium, AMG Vanadium and AMG Engineering. AMG Lithium is comprised of the Lithium and Tantalum business units. AMG Vanadium is comprised of the Vanadium, Titanium, and Chrome Metal business units. AMG Technologies is comprised of the Engineering, Antimony, Graphite, Silicon, and LIVA business units. These new segments have very specific trends and business models and require very different management skill sets. The updated structure enables the Company to realize strategic, operational, and risk management synergies that improve decision making, as well as strengthen the resiliency of the organization. Comparative segment information to the prior year is adjusted accordingly.

The Management Board of the Company is the Chief Operating Decision Maker and monitors the operating results of its reportable segments separately for the purpose of making decisions about resource allocation and performance assessment. Segment performance is evaluated based on operating profit or loss and is measured consistently with operating profit or loss in the consolidated financial statements. The Company's headquarters costs, financing (including finance cost and finance income) and assets are managed on a group basis and are allocated to operating segments. Transfer prices between operating segments are on an arm's length basis in a manner similar to transactions with third parties.

### **AMG Lithium**

AMG's Lithium segment spans the lithium value chain, reducing the  $CO_2$  footprint of both suppliers and customers. AMG Lithium BV is on its way to becoming the premier European lithium refiner based on its own low-cost resources in Brazil, and operates a value chain starting with mining and including solid state lithium batteries in Germany.

### **AMG Vanadium**

AMG's Vanadium segment is the world's market leader in recycling vanadium from oil refining residues. It is the only US ferrovanadium producer and is expanding in the Middle East with the Supercenter project in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, through Shell & AMG Recycling BV. AMG Vanadium BV spans the Company's vanadium, titanium, and chrome businesses.

### AMG Technologies

AMG's Technologies segment is the established world market leader in advanced metallurgy and provides equipment engineering to the aerospace engine sector globally. It serves as the engineering home for the Company's fast-growing LIVA batteries, and spans AMG's mineral processing operations in graphite, antimony, and silicon metal.

AMG Corporate headquarters costs and assets are allocated thirty-four percent to to AMG Lithium, thirty-three percent to AMG Vanadium, and thirty-three percent to AMG Technologies in 2024 and 2023 based on an estimation of services provided to the operating segments.

Year ended December 31, 2024	AMG Lithium	AMG Vanadium	AMG Technologies	Eliminations <sup>1</sup>	Total
Revenue					
Revenue from external customers	181,561	629,588	628,707	_	1,439,856
Intersegment revenue	9,481	1,660	4,391	(15,532)	_
Total revenue (ESRS 2 SBM1, 40(b, c))	191,042	631,248	633,098	(15,532)	1,439,856
Segment results					
Depreciation and amortization	12,954	32,400	13,197	_	58,551
Restructuring	_	2,562	282	_	2,844
Asset impairment reversal	_	_	(1,449)	_	(1,449)
Inventory adjustments	14,836	13,771	_	_	28,607
Other expenses	_	(449)	_	_	(449)
Other income	_	243	103	_	346
Operating (loss) profit	(28,230)	24,461	47,996	_	44,227
Statement of financial position					
Segment assets	571,498	865,706	555,739	_	1,992,943
Other investments	223	46,206	217	_	46,646
Total assets	571,721	911,912	555,956	_	2,039,589
Segment liabilities	192,754	713,920	429,031		1,335,705
Employee benefits	1,905	41,956	80,725		124,586
Provisions	8,506	4,569	16,072		29,147
Total liabilities	203,165	760,445	525,828	_	1,489,438
Other information					
Capital expenditures for expansion – tangible assets	61,852	24,286	1,612	_	87,750
Capital expenditures for maintenance – tangible assets	6,769	13,852	4,260	_	24,881

<sup>1)</sup> Eliminations column includes intersegment trade eliminations. The intersegment revenue eliminates against the intersegment cost of sales.

Year ended December 31, 2023	AMG Lithium	AMG Vanadium	AMG Technologies	Eliminations <sup>1</sup>	Total
Revenue					
Revenue from external customers	408,572	711,238	506,051	_	1,625,861
Intersegment revenue	21,083	246	3,309	(24,638)	_
Total revenue	429,655	711,484	509,360	(24,638)	1,625,861
Segment results					
Depreciation and amortization	10,359	30,431	13,846	_	54,636
Restructuring	_	6,836	2,387	_	9,223
Asset impairment expense	243	6,743	1,832	_	8,818
Inventory adjustments	24,192	_	2,539	_	26,731
Other expenses	_	(313)	_	_	(313)
Other income	_	10,249	547	_	10,796
Operating profit	187,782	26,949	7,021	_	221,752
Statement of financial position					
Segment assets	520,990	870,823	532,834	_	1,924,647
Other investments		38,160	_	_	38,160
Total assets	520,990	908,983	532,834	_	1,962,807
Segment liabilities	173,267	674,428	341,618	3	1,189,316
Employee benefits	1,719	47,047	84,567	_	133,333
Provisions	8,217	7,576	18,362	_	34,155
Total liabilities	183,203	729,051	444,547	3	1,356,804
Other information					
Capital expenditures for expansion – tangible assets	107,606	33,637	147	_	141,390
Capital expenditures for maintenance – tangible assets	8,497	12,107	3,599	_	24,203
Capital expenditures – intangible assets	203	345	2,725	<u> </u>	3,273

<sup>1)</sup> Eliminations column includes intersegment trade eliminations. The intersegment revenue eliminates against the intersegment cost of sales.

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# **Geographical information**

Geographical information for the Company is provided below. Revenues are based on the shipping location of the customer while non-current assets are based on the physical location of the assets.

	Year ende	d December 31, 2024	Year ende	d December 31, 2023
	Revenues	Non-current assets	Revenues	Non-current assets
United States	442,720	409,887	450,141	409,271
China	193,195	18,842	423,012	20,562
Germany	164,261	357,544	139,896	319,026
France	87,820	15,275	84,851	17,373
Italy	58,966	_	47,786	_
Brazil	56,766	194,720	59,065	178,714
United Kingdom	50,946	22,446	56,609	20,964
Japan	49,033	7	45,644	13
Canada	38,699	_	44,554	_
India	34,754	38	38,748	77
Austria	31,359	_	21,621	_
Mexico	20,117	3,195	22,213	3,556
Belgium	17,691	167	16,212	23
Poland	15,371	_	13,576	_
Switzerland	14,120	11	5,341	11
Turkey	14,057	_	7,322	<u> </u>
Spain	13,727	_	8,494	<u> </u>
Thailand	12,759	92	26,425	122
Sweden	12,048	_	8,019	<u> </u>
Czech Republic	11,705	_	9,902	<u> </u>
Netherlands	11,607	_	8,366	<u> </u>
South Korea	10,391	_	11,999	<u> </u>
Australia	7,018	_	4,718	<u> </u>
Taiwan	5,758	_	7,494	<u> </u>
Kazakhstan	4,852	_	7,525	_
Argentina	3,075	_	2,036	_
Singapore	2,244	_	2,664	_
Other	54,797	6,459	51,627	3,839
Total	1,439,856	1,028,683	1,625,861	973,551

Non-current assets for this purpose consist of property, plant and equipment; goodwill and other intangible assets; and other assets.

# 5. Revenue

Revenue from sales of goods, furnace construction contracts, heat treatment services and processing services during the year ended December 31, 2024 was \$1,439,856 (2023: \$1,625,861). Within the revenue generated by the Company, there is no contribution from a single customer greater than 6% of total revenue. For revenue by segment and by geographical basis, see note 4.

The following tables show the Company's total revenues disaggregated based on the timing of revenue recognition:

Year ended December 31, 2024	AMG Lithium	AMG Vanadium	AMG Technologies	Total
Products transferred at a point in time	181,561	629,588	415,578	1,226,727
Products and services transferred over time	_	_	213,129	213,129
Total revenue	181,561	629,588	628,707	1,439,856

Year ended December 31, 2023	AMG Lithium	AMG Vanadium	AMG Technologies	Total
Products transferred at a point in time	408,572	711,238	308,752	1,428,562
Products and services transferred over time	_	_	197,299	197,299
Total revenue	408,572	711,238	506,051	1,625,861

#### Contract balances

The following table provides information about receivables, contract assets, and contract liabilities from contracts with customers:

	2024	2023
Trade receivables, net of allowance for doubtful accounts	124,683	122,939
Gross amount due from customers for contract work (note 14)	45,116	40,674
Advanced payments from customers	124,079	60,561
Deferred revenue	25,995	31,919

The amounts due from customers for contract work primarily relate to the Company's rights to consideration for work completed but not billed at the reporting date for furnace construction contracts. These contract assets are transferred to receivables when the rights become unconditional. This usually occurs when the Company issues an invoice to the customer.

The contract liabilities primarily relate to the advance consideration received from customers. The advanced payments from customers above pertains to consideration received for furnace construction contracts. The remaining contract liabilities pertain to prepayments received from customers for spodumene sale contracts, spent catalyst processing fee contracts, and titanium aluminide contracts and are included in the deferred revenue balance.

The amount of \$105,113 (2023: \$92,661) included in contract liabilities as of December 31, 2023 has been recognized as revenue in 2024. The amount of revenues recognized during the year that pertained to performance obligations that were satisfied in a previous year is \$7,969 (2023: \$4,010).

The transaction price allocated to the remaining performance obligations (unsatisfied or partially satisfied) as of December 31, 2024 and 2023 are as follows:

	2024	2023
Within one year	149,117	121,008
Within two years	35,637	16,023
Within three years	3,119	19,292

# 6. Expenses by nature

	Note	2024	2023
Raw materials and consumables		696,985	722,293
Employee benefits		281,224	279,060
Raw material processing and conversion costs		246,022	239,806
Depreciation and amortization	9, 10	58,551	54,636
Maintenance		36,829	35,350
Consultancy		34,486	34,099
Asset impairment (reversal) expense	9, 10	(1,449)	8,818
Other		42,878	40,530
Total cost of sales and selling, general and administrative expenses		1,395,526	1,414,592

Included within the balance of employee benefits is \$210,996 (2023: \$206,663) of wages and salaries, \$42,991 (2023: \$41,818) pertaining to social security contributions and defined contribution plan expenses of \$5,259 (2023: \$4,818).

# 7. Finance income and cost

	Note	2024	2023
Finance income on derivatives	28, 29	13,496	12,683
Interest income on bank deposits		4,954	7,324
Other		1,205	211
Foreign exchange gain		_	8,771
Finance income		19,655	28,989
Interest expense on loans, borrowings and related derivative instruments	20, 29	(24,277)	(20,625)
Municipal bond interest	20	(15,106)	(15,086)
Interest expense on accounts receivable factoring	14	(4,462)	(2,990)
Interest paid to suppliers		(3,293)	(2,769)
Other		(7,238)	(8,258)
Foreign exchange loss		(8,114)	_
Finance cost		(62,490)	(49,728)
Net finance cost		(42,835)	(20,739)

### 8. Income tax

Significant components of income tax expense for the years ended:

### Consolidated income statement

	2024	2023
Current tax expense:		
Current year	21,580	101,967
Adjustment for prior year	(262)	(77)
Total current tax expense for the year	21,318	101,890
Deferred tax expense (benefit)		
Origination and reversal of temporary differences	(10,243)	(20,641)
Changes in previously unrecognized tax losses, tax credits and unrecognized temporary differences	(2,505)	(456)
Changes in previously recognized tax losses, tax credits and recognized temporary differences for changes in enacted tax rates and currency effects	14,565	(445)
Derecognition of previously recognized tax losses, tax credits and temporary differences	(313)	14,715
Adjustment for prior year	587	(61)
Total deferred tax expense (benefit)	2,091	(6,888)
Total income tax expense reported in consolidated income statement	23,409	95,002
Consolidated Statement of Other Comprehensive Income		
Income tax related to items recognized in OCI in the year:		
Cash flow hedges, effective portion of changes in fair value	212	(90)
Income tax (expense) benefit on actuarial gains (losses)	(867)	3,240
Income tax benefit (expense) charged to OCI	(655)	3,150

### Reconciliation of effective tax rate

A reconciliation of income tax expense applicable to accounting profit before income tax at the weighted average statutory income tax rate of 70.47% (2023: 33.39%) to the Company's effective income tax rate for the years ended is as follows:

	2024	2023
(Loss) profit before income tax from continuing operations	(2,377)	197,290
Income tax using the Company's weighted average tax rate	(1,675)	65,868
Non-deductible expenses	4,679	7,595
Tax exempt income	(11,683)	(9,448)
Current year losses and changes in temporary differences for which no deferred tax asset was recognized	20,044	13,461
Recognition of previously unrecognized tax losses, tax credits and temporary differences of a prior year	(2,517)	(456)
Derecognition of previously recognized tax losses, tax credits and temporary differences	(314)	14,713
Changes in previously recognized tax losses, tax credits and recognized temporary and permanent differences for changes in enacted tax rates	(117)	291
Changes in previously recognized tax losses, tax credits and recognized temporary and permanent differences for changes in currency effects	14,100	2,248
Over provided in prior periods	(274)	(218)
State and local taxes	622	423
Other	544	525
Income tax expense reported in consolidated income statement	23,409	95,002

The weighted average statutory income tax rate is the average of the statutory income tax rates applicable in the countries in which the Company operates, weighted by the profit (loss) before income tax of the subsidiaries in the respective countries as included in the consolidated accounts. Several entities have losses and other tax attributes for which no deferred tax assets have been recognized.

During the years ended December 31, 2024 and 2023, the income tax benefits related to the current year losses and other tax attributes of certain entities located primarily in Africa, China, France, Germany, India, the Netherlands and the United States were not recognized. In total, \$20,044 and \$13,461 were not recognized in 2024 and 2023, respectively, as it is probable that these amounts will not be realized.

During the years ended December 31, 2024 and 2023, certain income tax benefits related to previously unrecognized tax losses and temporary differences related to entities located in China and the United States and other were recognized. In total, \$2,517 and \$456 were recognized in 2024 and 2023, respectively, through an increase to the net deferred tax asset.

The main factors considered in assessing the realizability of deferred tax benefits were improved profitability, higher forecasted taxable profitability and the carryforward period of the tax losses. After assessing these factors, the Company determined that it is probable that the deferred tax benefit of the tax losses and temporary differences will not be realized in the foreseeable future.

The net recognized deferred tax assets (liabilities) were also adjusted to reflect changes in currency rates in Brazil. The impact of the currency rates was an increase to income tax expense of \$14,100 (2023: \$2,248).

There were no income tax consequences associated with the payment of dividends in either 2024 or 2023 by AMG to its shareholders.

### Deferred tax assets and liabilities

Deferred income taxes reflect the net tax effect of temporary differences between the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities for financial reporting purposes and the amounts used for income tax purposes. In addition, deferred income tax assets include amounts related to net operating loss carryforwards, tax credits and interest limitation carryforwards.

Deferred tax assets are recognized to the extent it is probable that the temporary differences, unused tax losses, unused tax credits, and limitations on interest deductions will be realized. The realization of deferred tax assets is reviewed each reporting period and includes the consideration of historical operating results, projected future taxable income exclusive of reversing temporary differences and carryforwards, the scheduled reversal of deferred tax liabilities and tax planning.

# Recognized deferred tax assets and liabilities

Deferred tax assets and liabilities have been recognized in respect of the following:

	2024 Activity				December 31, 2024		
	December 31, 2023 Net tax asset and liability	Deferred benefit (expense)	Other comprehensive income	Currency translation adjustment/ other	Net tax asset and liability	Assets	Liabilities
Inventories	536	843	_	(6)	1,373	1,786	413
Long-term contracts	(11,765)	(3,774)	_	915	(14,624)	547	15,171
Prepaid and other current assets	133	(4)	_	33	162	170	8
Property, plant, and equipment	(24,776)	(1,466)	_	304	(25,938)	321	26,259
Deferred charges and non-current assets	(10,398)	(14,657)	212	(44)	(24,887)	330	25,217
Accruals and reserves	13,858	(2,464)	_	(417)	10,977	11,327	350
Environmental liabilities	1,410	(174)	_	(14)	1,222	1,465	243
Retirement benefits	22,128	(613)	(867)	(962)	19,686	19,718	32
Tax loss and tax credit carryforwards	29,092	20,218	_	(742)	48,568	48,679	111
Total	20,218	(2,091)	(655)	(933)	16,539	84,343	67,804
Set off of tax						(46,843)	(46,843)
Net tax assets and liabilities						37,500	20,961

	2023 Activity				Dece	mber 31, 20	23
	December 31, 2022 Net tax asset and liability	Deferred benefit (expense)	Other comprehensive income	Currency translation adjustment/ other	Net tax asset and liability	Assets	Liabilities
Inventories	555	(8)	_	(11)	536	1,051	515
Long-term contracts	(18,922)	7,672	_	(515)	(11,765)	291	12,056
Prepaid and other current assets	(17,897)	18,263	_	(233)	133	143	10
Property, plant, and equipment	(23,334)	(1,187)	_	(255)	(24,776)	423	25,199
Deferred charges and non-current assets	(13,712)	3,594	(90)	(190)	(10,398)	1,330	11,728
Accruals and reserves	13,452	(7)	_	413	13,858	13,920	62
Environmental liabilities	2,590	(1,191)	_	11	1,410	1,656	246
Retirement benefits	18,566	(92)	3,240	414	22,128	22,210	82
Tax loss and tax credit carryforwards	48,614	(20,156)	_	634	29,092	29,166	74
Total	9,912	6,888	3,150	268	20,218	70,190	49,972
Set off of tax						(43,308)	(43,308)
Net tax assets and liabilities						26,882	6,664

During the year ended December 31, 2024, the Company recorded deferred income tax benefit of \$212 (2023: \$90) related to cash flow hedges and deferred income tax (expense) benefit of (\$867) (2023: \$3,240) related to actuarial gains in defined benefit plans in other comprehensive income. Refer to note 17 for additional details.

# Unrecognized deferred tax assets

The net deferred tax assets are fully recognized for each of the jurisdictions in which we operate with the exception of the following: (1) a German entity did not recognize the specific deferred tax asset recorded for the impact of assets impaired for book purposes; (2) the US Group under Metallurg Inc is no longer recognizing the deferred tax asset related to interest carryforwards; (3) a German entity did not recognize the specific deferred tax asset recorded for the impact of an inventory write-down for book purposes; (4) Dutch companies and operating companies in Germany, China, France, Africa, India and certain other jurisdictions do not recognize deferred tax assets for their loss carryforward positions and other carryforwards because management has determined that there will not be sufficient and foreseeable taxable profits in these locations to realize the benefits of these carryforward positions.

Deferred tax assets for these entities have not been recognized in respect of tax loss carryforwards, tax attributes, and temporary differences as they may not be used to offset taxable profits generated elsewhere in the Company and they have arisen in subsidiaries that have a history of losses or limited profitability.

Deferred tax assets and liabilities have not been recognized in respect of the following items:

	Assets		
	2024	2023	
Deferred charges and non-current assets	8,013	8,532	
Tax loss and tax credit carryforwards	65,791	50,303	
Net tax assets – unrecognized	73,804	58,835	

In addition to the unrecognized federal deferred tax assets that are detailed above, there are \$8,282 (2023: \$7,997) in unrecognized US state deferred tax assets related to net operating losses.

At December 31, 2024, pre-tax net operating losses and tax credit carryforwards for which no deferred tax assets have been recognized on the balance sheet, expire as follows:

2025	1,577
2026	2,673
2027	5,197
2028	7,226
2029 and later	553
Unlimited	264,760
Total	281,986

In addition to the federal pre-tax net operating losses scheduled above, \$132,763 in pre-tax net operating losses in various US states are set to expire beginning in 2025.

# Global minimum top-up tax (Pillar Two)

The Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development ("OECD") has published the Pillar Two model rules which adopt a global minimum tax of 15% for multinational enterprises with average revenue in excess of Euro 750 million. Certain jurisdictions in which we operate (including the Netherlands), enacted legislation consistent with one or more of the OECD Pillar Two model rules effective in 2024. The model rules include minimum domestic top-up taxes, income inclusion rules and undertaxed profit rules, all aimed to ensure that multinational corporations pay a minimum effective corporate tax rate of 15% in each jurisdiction in which they operate. The Pillar Two model rules did not materially impact our annual effective tax rate in 2024. However, we are continuing to evaluate the Pillar Two model rules and related country-level legislation and the potential impact on future periods.

AMG applies the exception to recognizing and disclosing information about deferred tax assets and liabilities related to Pillar Two income taxes, as provided in the amendments to IAS 12 issued in May 2023.

# 9. Property, plant and equipment

	Mining	Land, buildings and	Machinery and	Furniture and	Construction	
Cost	costs	improvements	equipment	fixtures	in progress	Total
Balance at January 1, 2023	47,476	414,651	705,000	40,945	97,893	1,305,965
Additions	4,085	59,447	(35,086)	4,101	125,991	158,538
Capitalized borrowings	_		1,702	_	10,297	11,999
Retirements and transfers	(11)	6,511	10,255	(599)	(23,141)	(6,985)
Impairment expense	(5,499)	(1,775)	(3,485)	(760)	(35)	(11,554)
Effect of movements in exchange rates	359	5,058	8,109	1,144	4,584	19,254
Balance at December 31, 2023	46,410	483,892	686,495	44,831	215,589	1,477,217
Balance at January 1, 2024	46,410	483,892	686,495	44,831	215,589	1,477,217
Additions	3,744	7,584	20,940	4,279	65,842	102,389
Capitalized borrowings	_	_	2,411	_	13,404	15,815
Retirements and transfers	(1,588)	11,912	29,456	(2,491)	(58,023)	(20,734)
Impairment reversal	1,708	1,775	1,384	324	_	5,191
Effect of movements in exchange rates	(304)	(9,464)	(14,955)	(2,159)	(12,047)	(38,929)
Balance at December 31, 2024	49,970	495,699	725,731	44,784	224,765	1,540,949
Depreciation						
Balance at January 1, 2023	(21,344)	(102,327)	(357,354)	(27,329)	_	(508,354)
Depreciation for the year	(1,833)	(15,112)	(30,630)	(4,406)	_	(51,981)
Retirements and transfers	_	973	3,819	2,295		7,087
Impairment expense	3,115	764	2,532	492		6,903
Effect of movements in exchange rates	(257)	(1,916)	(6,779)	(742)		(9,694)
Balance at December 31, 2023	(20,319)	(117,618)	(388,412)	(29,690)	_	(556,039)
Balance at January 1, 2024	(20,319)	(117,618)	(388,412)	(29,690)	_	(556,039)
Depreciation for the year	(1,143)	(17,803)	(31,830)	(5,233)	_	(56,009)
Retirements and transfers	1,708	4,526	10,915	3,092	_	20,241
Impairment reversal	(1,708)	(1,237)	(1,025)	(254)	_	(4,224)
Effect of movements in exchange rates	267	3,673	11,552	1,410	_	16,902
Balance at December 31, 2024	(21,195)	(128,459)	(398,800)	(30,675)	_	(579,129)
Carrying amounts	,					,
At January 1, 2023	26,132	312,324	347,646	13,616	97,893	797,611
At December 31, 2023	26,091	366,274	298,083	15,141	215,589	921,178
At January 1, 2024	26,091	366,274	298,083	15,141	215,589	921,178
At December 31, 2024	28,775	367,240	326,931	14,109	224,765	961,820

# Property, plant and equipment under construction

During the years ended December 31, 2024 and 2023, the Company embarked on several different expansion projects as well as several required maintenance projects. The largest projects are the lithium hydroxide refinery in Bitterfeld, Germany, the vanadium electrolyte plant at AMG Titanium in Nuremberg, Germany and the expansion of the lithium concentrate plant's capacity in Brazil. Costs incurred up to December 31, 2024, which are included in construction in progress, totaled \$224,765 (2023: \$215,589).

# **Borrowing costs**

The Company capitalized borrowing costs of \$15,815 (2023: \$11,999) during 2024 which included \$12,358 (2023: \$7,695) of interest for the German lithium hydroxide refinery and \$3,457 of interest for other AMG facilities (2023: \$4,304). The interest rate utilized to capitalize borrowing costs in 2024 ranged from 7.97% - 8.96% (2023: 8.34% - 8.97%).

# Property, plant and equipment additions

At December 31, 2024, the Company had \$102,389 in additions, including \$11,688 in accounts payable, lease additions of \$7,515 and non-cash estimated future costs of \$1,535 recognized for asset retirement obligations. At December 31, 2023, the Company had \$158,538 in additions, including \$15,165 in accounts payable, lease additions of \$7,740 and non-cash estimated future costs of \$2,871 recognized for asset retirement obligations.

# Depreciation of property, plant and equipment

Depreciation expense for the year ended December 31, 2024 was \$56,009 (2023: \$51,981). Depreciation expense is recorded in the following line items in the income statement:

	2024	2023
Cost of sales	47,713	45,834
Selling, general and administrative expenses	8,296	6,147
Total	56,009	51,981

# Impairment testing

IAS 36 requires that assets be carried at a value no greater than their recoverable amount. To meet this standard, the Company is required to test tangible assets for impairment when indicators of impairment exist, or at least annually, for goodwill and intangible assets with indefinite useful lives. During the year ended December 31, 2024, the Company recorded an reversal of \$967 in asset impairments on property, plant and equipment in costs of sales related to the closure one of our mines in Mozambique. This amount is classified in assets held for sale in the statement of financial position.

During the year ended December 31, 2023, the Company recorded an expense of \$4,651 in asset impairments on property, plant and equipment in cost of sales sold mainly related to the closure one of our mines in Mozambique and a restructuring program to improve efficiencies in one of our German facilities. Impairment expense was partially offset by insurance proceeds of \$1,010 to rebuild one of our lines in one of our facilities in the UK.

### Security

At December 31, 2024, properties with a carrying amount of \$245,180 (2023: \$235,865) are pledged as collateral to secure bank loans.

# 10. Goodwill and other intangible assets

		Customer	Capitalized development	Mining	Other intangible	Total goodwill and intangible
Cost	Goodwill	relationships	costs	assets	assets	assets
Balance at January 1, 2023	38,405	10,603	4,472	6,754	35,068	95,302
Additions	_	<u> </u>	205	182	2,886	3,273
Transfers, disposals and reversals	_	_	_	(87)	87	_
Effect of movements in exchange rates	330	304	111	331	1,193	2,269
Balance at December 31, 2023	38,735	10,907	4,788	7,180	39,234	100,844
Balance at January 1, 2024	38,735	10,907	4,788	7,180	39,234	100,844
Acquisitions	_	_	_	_	13,571	13,571
Additions	_	_	596	71	3,306	3,973
Transfers, disposals and reversals	_	(224)	_	(79)	31	(272)
Effect of movements in exchange rates	(581)	(513)	(250)	(429)	(2,301)	(4,074)
Balance at December 31, 2024	38,154	10,170	5,134	6,743	53,841	114,042
Amortization and Impairment						
Balance at January 1, 2023	(9,548)	(9,648)	(3,542)	(3,744)	(27,416)	(53,898)
Amortization	_	(133)	_	(286)	(2,236)	(2,655)
Transfers, disposals and reversals	_	_	_	_	(100)	(100)
Impairment expense	_	_	_	(2,277)	_	(2,277)
Effect of movements in exchange rates	_	(273)	(120)	(358)	(850)	(1,601)
Balance at December 31, 2023	(9,548)	(10,054)	(3,662)	(6,665)	(30,602)	(60,531)
Balance at January 1, 2024	(9,548)	(10,054)	(3,662)	(6,665)	(30,602)	(60,531)
Amortization	_	(117)	(151)	_	(2,274)	(2,542)
Transfers, disposals and reversals	_	_	_	(482)	(100)	(582)
Impairment reversal	_	_	_	482		482
Effect of movements in exchange rates	_	478	229	(54)	1,884	2,537
Balance at December 31, 2024	(9,548)	(9,693)	(3,584)	(6,719)	(31,092)	(60,636)
Carrying amounts						
At January 1, 2023	28,857	955	930	3,010	7,652	41,404
At December 31, 2023	29,187	853	1,126	515	8,632	40,313
At January 1, 2024	29,187	853	1,126	515	8,632	40,313
At December 31, 2024	28,606	477	1,550	24	22,749	53,406

# Additions for intangible assets

At December 31, 2024, the Company had \$3,973 (2023: \$3,273) in additions, related to investments in intangible fixed assets. Additionally, the Company acquired \$13,571 (2023: nil) of intellectual property pertaining to our Vanadium and LIVA businesses, of which \$6,697 (2023: nil) is recorded as contingent consideration under accruals and other liabilities on the balance sheet at period end. Refer to note 29 for additional details.

# Amortization of intangible assets

Amortization expense for the year ended December 31, 2024 was \$2,542 (2023: \$2,655). Amortization expense is recorded in the following line items in the income statement:

	2024	2023
Cost of sales	555	798
Selling, general and administrative expenses	1,987	1,857
Total	2,542	2,655

### Research costs

Research and development expenses are included in selling, general and administrative expenses and were \$9,259 and \$7,818 in the years ended December 31, 2024 and 2023, respectively.

# Impairment testing for intangible assets

#### (a) Goodwill

For the purposes of impairment testing, goodwill has been allocated to the Company's cash-generating units as follows:

	Segment	2024	2023
AMG Antimony	AMG Technologies	9,702	9,702
AMG Chrome	AMG Vanadium	1,510	1,510
AMG Engineering	AMG Technologies	13,273	13,850
AMG Titanium	AMG Vanadium	4,121	4,125
Total		28,606	29,187

### Key assumptions

The calculations of value in use are most sensitive to the following assumptions:

- Global metals pricing Estimates are obtained from published indices. The estimates are evaluated and are generally used as
  a guideline for future pricing.
- Discount rate Discount rates reflect the current market assessment of the time value of money and the risks specific to the asset, based on a comparable peer group.
- Expected future cash flows Expected future cash flows are based on management's best estimates of future business conditions but cannot be guaranteed as the Company does not have fixed revenues or costs.
- Growth rate Growth rates are based on management's interpretation of published industry research in order to extrapolate
  cash flows beyond the business plan period. As most businesses follow economic trends, an inflationary factor of 1% was
  utilized for all entities.

It is possible that the key assumptions used in the business plan will differ from actual results. However, management does not believe that any reasonably possible changes to any of such key assumptions will cause the carrying amount to exceed the recoverable amount. The values assigned to the key assumptions represent management's assessment of future trends in the metallurgical industry and are based on both external sources and internal sources (historical data).

For the impairment tests for AMG Antimony, AMG Chrome, AMG Engineering and AMG Titanium's cash-generating units, the recoverable amounts are the value in use. The value in use was determined using the discounted cash flow method. In 2024 and 2023, the carrying amounts of the AMG Antimony, AMG Chrome, AMG Engineering and AMG Titanium's cash-generating units were determined to be lower than their recoverable amounts and no impairment losses were recognized.

The following table includes the pre-tax discount rates that were applied in determining the recoverable amount for each cashgenerating unit:

	2024	2023
AMG Antimony	13.57%	10.29%
AMG Chrome	16.45%	15.09%
AMG Engineering	13.34%	14.31%
AMG Titanium	13.72%	12.59%

Sensitivities related to the value in use calculation for all cash-generating units would imply that a 1% increase in the discount rate or using a 0% growth rate would not have created an impairment.

### (b) Intangibles with finite lives

The determination of whether long-lived assets are impaired requires an estimate of the recoverable amount of the cash-generating unit or group of cash-generating units to which the long-lived assets have been allocated. The recoverable amount is defined as the higher of a cash-generating unit's fair value less costs of disposal and its value in use. For each of the cash-generating units which tested long-lived assets for recoverability, the recoverable amount was determined as the value in use or fair value less costs to sell as appropriate. The value in use requires the entity to estimate the future cash flows expected to arise from the cash-generating units or group of cash-generating units and to discount these cash flows with a risk adjusted discount rate. Expected future cash flows are based on management's best estimates of future business conditions but cannot be guaranteed as the Company does not have fixed revenues or costs. The risk adjusted discount rate is estimated using a comparison of peers but can vary based on changes in the debt or equity markets or risk premiums assigned to countries or industries.

During the year end December 31, 2024, an intangible impairment reversal of \$482 was recognized (2023: (\$2,277) expense) on intangibles in cost of sales related to the closure our mine in Mozambique. This amount is classified in assets held for sale in the statement of financial position.

### 11. Other investments

As of December 31, 2024, the Company owned an 11.3% (2023: 11.3%) interest in a former customer, Global Advanced Metals Pty LTD. The investment is being designated as a financial instrument measured at fair value through other comprehensive income because the Company has not gained significant influence.

The investment had a value of \$21,619 at December 31, 2024 (2023: \$14,557). The fair value of this investment is estimated by management with reference to the relevant available information. The Company relied on the current financial results of the investment including the current financial statements and current year revenue estimates to determine a fair value for the investment. The Company did not have the relevant data to complete a discounted cash flow model. There was a lack of marketability discount applied of 17.5%. Changes in the valuation methodologies or assumptions could lead to different measurements of fair value. The Company recorded investment gains of \$7,062 and \$928 related to the investment during the years ended December 31, 2024 and 2023, respectively, which is included in other comprehensive income. During the year ended December 31, 2024 and 2023, the Company received a nil and \$9,855 dividend from this investment, respectively. The dividend received in 2023 was recorded in other income on the consolidated income statement.

Also included in other investments are assets of \$25,027 (2023: \$23,603) which are primarily designated to fund the Company's non-qualified pension liability. These assets consist of debt securities, equity securities, and insurance contracts which are held at fair value. These assets have been designated as Level 1 and partially Level 3 financial instruments on the fair value hierarchy. The Level 3 investments consist of insurance contracts valued at \$10,415 (2023: \$8,524). These insurance contracts have been valued using unobservable inputs based on the best available information in the circumstances. The investments are primarily held in a Rabbi Trust and are restricted for use in pension funding. The Company recorded an investment gain of \$1,035 (2023: \$1,469) related to the investments during the year ended December 31, 2024, which is included in other comprehensive income. See notes 22 and 29 for additional information.

# 12. Equity-accounted investees

The joint venture between Shell and AMG Recycling B.V. was incorporated in the Netherlands and will provide a long-term sustainable solution for catalyst reclamation and recycling. The Company maintains a 50% interest and joint control of the entity. The Company's interest is measured using the equity method as prescribed by IFRS 11 and IAS 28. The Company made capital contributions of \$3,250 (2023: \$6,800) during the current period. For the year ended December 31, 2024, the Company's share of the joint venture's losses was (\$2,895) (2023: (\$2,580)). During 2022, the Company's cumulative losses exceeded its interest in the joint venture, leading to the offsetting of unrecorded losses amounting to (\$517) during the year ending on December 31, 2023, through the contributions made. The carrying value of the Company's equity-accounted investee was \$4,058 (2023: \$3,703) as of December 31, 2024.

The Company's investment in Zinnwald Lithium Plc ("Zinnwald") (ZNWD, AIM) is also included among its equity method investees. On March 23, 2023, Zinnwald issued 118,996,738 of newly issued ordinary shares to the Company for a total subscription amount of \$15,189 resulting in a 25.13% shareholding. Zinnwald is an AIM quoted, lithium development company focused on becoming an important supplier to Europe's fast-growing battery sector. The Company owns the integrated Zinnwald Lithium Project in Germany, a development-stage project with attractive economics and approved mining license. The fair value of the investment was \$12,186 (2023: \$10,604) at December 31, 2024. For the year ended December 31, 2024, the Company's share of the investee's losses was (\$853) (2023: (\$626)). The carrying value of the Company's equity method investment into Zinnwald was \$13,710 (2023: \$14,563) as of December 31, 2024.

Also included in equity method investees is the company's investment in Savannah Resources Plc ("Savannah"). On June 20, 2024, the Company made a capital investment of \$20,363 in Savannah, the developer of the Barroso Lithium Project in Portugal, Europe's largest spodumene lithium deposit. AMG's capital investment yielded a 15.77% ownership stake (342,612,420 shares), making AMG the largest shareholder of record at the date of investment. The fair value of the investment was \$18,727 (2023:nil) at December 31, 2024. For the year ended December 31, 2024, the Company's share of the investee's losses was (\$21) (2023:nil). The carrying value of the Company's equity method investment into Savannah was \$20,342 (2023:nil) as of December 31, 2024.

### 13. Inventories

	2024	2023
Raw materials	110,448	90,459
Work in process	61,873	51,002
Finished goods	109,798	104,805
Other	21,989	14,679
Total	304,108	260,945

Other inventory primarily includes spare parts that are maintained for operations.

In the year ended December 31, 2024, the Company reduced certain inventory balances by \$28,607 (2023: \$29,631) as a result of the write-down to net realizable value. The write-downs were primarily related to an expense of \$14,836 due to decreases in the market price for lithium hydroxide that was purchased in connection with the commissioning of our German lithium refinery and an expense of \$13,561 due to decreases in the market price of vanadium. These write-downs were included in cost of sales.

Inventory in the amount of \$107,723 (2023: \$105,849) is pledged as collateral to secure the bank loans of certain subsidiaries (see note 20).

### 14. Trade and other receivables

	2024	2023
Trade receivables, net of allowance for doubtful accounts	114,458	122,939
Note receivable	10,225	
Due from investment in affiliate	109	414
Gross amount due from customers for contract work	349,160	307,656
Less: progress payments received	(304,044)	(266,982)
Net receivable from contract work (note 5)	45,116	40,674
Total	169,908	164,027

At December 31, 2024 and 2023, trade receivables include receivables from customers who have received direct shipments or services from the Company and receivables from customers who have utilized inventory on consignment. Amounts billed to furnace construction contracts customers are also included in the trade and other receivables line item in the statement of financial position. The carrying amount of trade receivables approximates their fair value due to their short-term nature. Trade receivables are generally non-interest bearing and are generally on 30-90 day terms.

At December 31, 2024, notes receivable includes bank acceptance notes endorsed by customers to certain subsidiaries of the Company as a form of payment for goods delivered and/or services rendered.

At December 31, 2024, receivables in the amount of \$77,501 (2023: \$81,970) are pledged as collateral to secure the term loan and revolving credit facility of the Company (see note 20).

As of December 31, the analysis of trade receivables that were past due but not impaired is as follows:

		Neither —					
	Total	past due nor impaired	<30 days	30-60 days	60-90 days	90-120 days	>120 days
2024	169,908	145,605	10,213	4,942	637	1,355	7,156
2023	164,027	144,940	12,681	3,712	1,328	730	636

At December 31, 2024, trade receivables are shown net of expected credit losses of \$1,558 (2023: \$1,191) arising from customer unwillingness or inability to pay. Bad debt charges in the amount of \$739 and \$306 were recorded in the years ended December 31, 2024 and December 31, 2023, respectively. These charges were recorded in selling, general and administrative expenses in the consolidated income statement. Refer to note 3.7 for additional details on the Company's policy for the calculation of expected credit losses.

Movements in the provision for impairment of receivables were as follows:

	2024	2023
At January 1	1,191	970
Charge for the year	739	306
Amounts written-off	(85)	(20)
Amounts recovered/collected	(100)	(94)
Foreign currency adjustments	(187)	29
At December 31	1,558	1,191

# Factoring of receivables

As of December 31, 2024 and 2023, the Company had total receivables factored and outstanding of \$69,277, and \$53,478, respectively. The Company maintains accounts receivable facilities with banks and credit insurance companies in Germany, France and the US. The Company sold receivables in the amount of \$396,028 throughout the year which includes security deposits of \$4,890 and cash proceeds of \$286,510. During 2024, the Company incurred costs of \$4,969 in conjunction with the sale of these receivables of which \$4,462 were included in finance cost, \$507 were recorded to selling, general and administrative expenses, and nil were recorded to sales on the income statement. This activity is included in cash from operating activities during the year ended December 31, 2024.

In 2023, the Company sold receivables in the amount of \$290,908 which includes security deposits of \$4,340 and cash proceeds of \$206,926. During 2023, the Company incurred costs of \$3,477 in conjunction with the sale of these receivables of which \$2,990 were included in finance cost, \$487 were recorded to selling, general and administrative expenses, and nil were recorded to sales on the income statement. This activity is included in cash from operating activities during the year ended December 31, 2023.

### 15. Other assets

Other assets are comprised of the following:

	2024	2023
Domestic production tax credit	28,319	6,377
Prepaid taxes (indirect)	22,192	25,059
Prepaid inventory	21,673	37,450
Insurance	9,091	9,904
Deposits	4,964	5,612
Advances to affiliates	3,287	1,106
Dividend receivable	2,464	2,464
Maintenance and subscriptions	2,108	1,743
Environmental trusts	1,771	1,930
Energy contract settlement	853	5,336
Debt issuance cost	793	1,216
Bank acceptance notes	_	2,634
Government grants	_	6,119
Other miscellaneous assets	6,276	5,238
Total	103,791	112,188
Thereof:		
Current	90,334	100,128
Non-current	13,457	12,060

The Inflation Reduction Act of 2022 enacted new renewable energy credits, including an advanced manufacturing production credit under Section 45X. On October 24, 2024, the IRS and Treasury released the final regulations expanding the scope of the definition of production costs to include indirect and direct materials costs. Based on these regulations as issued by the IRS, our Vanadium business in the US qualifies for this production tax credit for domestic manufacturing of critical materials from 2023 onwards. For the full year 2024, AMG expects to receive a tax credit of approximately 28,319 (2023: 6,377) a portion of which pertains to tax credits from 2023 upon the release of the final regulations in 2024.

# 16. Cash and cash equivalents

	2024	2023
Bank balances	294,049	321,048
Money market funds	205	24,260
Total cash	294,254	345,308

At December 31, 2024 and 2023, the Company had \$205 and \$24,260, respectively, of highly liquid money market funds. Bank balances earn interest at floating rates based on daily bank deposit rates.

# 17. Capital and reserves

# Share capital

At December 31, 2024, the Company's authorized share capital was comprised of 65,000,000 ordinary shares (2023: 65,000,000) with a nominal share value of 60.02 (2023: 60.02) and 65,000,000 preference shares (2023: 65,000,000) with a nominal share value of 60.02 (2023: 60.02).

At December 31, 2024, the issued and outstanding share capital was comprised of 32,269,144 ordinary shares (2023: 32,206,914), with a nominal value of €0.02 (2023: €0.02) which were fully paid. No preference shares were outstanding at December 31, 2024 (2023: nil). The nominal value of the outstanding shares as of December 31, 2024, was \$670 (2023: \$712) as compared to the value using historical exchange rates which was \$853 (2023: \$853).

The preference shares carry equal voting rights as ordinary shares and are entitled, if distribution to shareholders is permitted, to a fixed dividend equal to EURIBOR for deposit loans of one year increased with maximum of 400 basis points as determined by the Management Board of the Company and subject to approval by the Supervisory Board. AMG's dividend policy is to evaluate liquidity needs for alternative uses including funding growth opportunities and funding dividend payments to shareholders. Payment of future dividends to shareholders will be at the discretion of the Management Board subject to the approval of the Supervisory Board after taking into account various factors and is subject to limitations based on the Company's revolving credit facility. Additionally, payment of future dividends or other distributions to shareholders may be made only if the Company's shareholders' equity exceeds the sum of the issued share capital plus the reserves required to be maintained by law.

A roll forward of the total shares outstanding is noted below:

Balance at January 1, 2023	31,951,492
Shares repurchased	(165,899)
Treasury shares delivered for share-based compensation	415,116
Treasury shares delivered to Supervisory Board	6,205
Balance at December 31, 2023	32,206,914
Shares repurchased	(28,861)
Treasury shares delivered for share-based compensation	78,278
Treasury shares delivered to Supervisory Board	12,813
Balance at December 31, 2024	32,269,144

# Shares issued or delivered for share-based compensation

During the year ended December 31, 2024, 78,278 (2023: 415,116) shares were issued to management related to the vesting of share-based compensation awards. Refer to note 23 for details regarding these plans.

# Treasury shares

The Company repurchased shares which are held in treasury for the delivery upon exercise of options and performance share programs and are accounted for as a reduction of shareholders' equity.

A roll forward of the treasury share balance is noted below:

Balance at January 1, 2023	552,672
Shares repurchased	165,899
Treasury shares delivered for share-based compensation	(415,116)
Treasury shares delivered to Supervisory Board	(6,205)
Balance at December 31, 2023	297,250
Shares repurchased	28,861
Treasury shares delivered for share-based compensation	(78,278)
Treasury shares delivered to Supervisory Board	(12,813)
Balance at December 31, 2024	235,020

# Supervisory board remuneration

During the years ended December 31, 2024 and 2023, 12,813 and 6,205 shares were delivered, respectively, as compensation to its Supervisory Board members for services provided in 2024 and 2023. These shares were awarded as part of the remuneration policy approved by the Annual General Meeting.

### Other reserves

	Foreign currency translation reserve	Hedging reserve	Cost of hedging reserve	Capitalized development expenditure s reserve	Defined benefit obligation reserve	Fair value reserve	Total
Balance at January 1, 2023	(32,146)	27,235	734	930	(43,363)	1,741	(44,869)
Currency translation differences	6,882	_	_	_	(1,207)		5,675
Gain on FVOCI investments	_	_	_	_	_	2,397	2,397
Movement on cash flow hedges	_	(7,832)	758	_	_	_	(7,074)
Tax effect on net movement on cash flow hedges	_	60	(150)	_	_	_	(90)
Actuarial loss on defined benefit plans	_	_	_	_	(11,739)	_	(11,739)
Tax effect on net movement on defined benefit plans	_	_	_	_	3,240	_	3,240
Transfer to retained earnings	_	_	_	191	_	_	191
Balance at December 31, 2023	(25,264)	19,463	1,342	1,121	(53,069)	4,138	(52,269)
Balance at January 1, 2024	(25,264)	19,463	1,342	1,121	(53,069)	4,138	(52,269)
Currency translation differences	(21,741)	_	_	_	1,348		(20,393)
Gain on FVOCI investments	_	_	_	_	_	8,097	8,097
Movement on cash flow hedges	_	(3,632)	(1,758)	_	_	_	(5,390)
Tax effect on net movement on cash flow hedges	_	(179)	391	_	_	_	212
Actuarial gain on defined benefit plans	_	_	_	_	2,273	_	2,273
Tax effect on net movement on defined benefit plans	_	_		_	(867)	_	(867)
Transfer to retained earnings	_	_	_	359	_	_	359
Balance at December 31, 2024	(47,005)	15,652	(25)	1,480	(50,315)	12,235	(67,978)

### Restrictions on distributions

Certain restrictions apply on equity of the Company due to Dutch legal requirements. Please see note 9 in the parent company financial statements for additional details.

### **Dividends**

During AMG's 2021 Annual General Meeting, the Company amended the dividend policy. Given that AMG has cyclical elements in its product mix and that it desires to have a relatively consistent dividend pay-out, the Company revised its policy to allow for stable dividend pay-outs that will target gradual increases to historic dividend levels, provided that such pay-outs and possible increases are supported by AMG's liquidity and cash flow generation, and subject to prevailing statutory requirements.

The Company intends to propose a full year dividend for 2024 of €0.40 (2023: €0.60) to the General Meeting of Shareholders for approval as part of the adoption of the 2024 Annual Accounts.

The interim dividend of €0.20 (2023: €0.40) per ordinary AMG share, paid on August 14, 2024, will be deducted from this amount. The proposed final dividend per ordinary share therefore amounts to €0.20 (2023: €0.20). This dividend payment was determined appropriate by the Management and Supervisory Boards based on current liquidity and long-term prospects. Dividend payments to shareholders will be at the discretion of the Management Board subject to the approval of the Supervisory Board after taking into account various factors, including business prospects, cash requirements, financial performance, expansion plans, the terms of the Company's financing facilities and the compliance with applicable statutory and regulatory requirements. Additionally, any payment of dividends (whether interim or after adoption of the annual accounts) or other distributions to shareholders may be made only if the Company's shareholders' equity exceeds the sum of the issued share capital plus the reserves required to be maintained by law.

Dividends of \$14,035, or €0.40 per share, were paid during the year ended December 31, 2024. Dividends of \$28,212, or €0.80 per share, were paid during the year ended December 31, 2023. Additionally, dividends of \$1,037 declared in 2023 were paid by our Brazilian subsidiary to its non-controlling interest during the year ended December 31, 2024 (2023: nil).

# 18. Earnings per share

# Basic earnings per share

Basic earnings per share amounts are calculated by dividing net profits for the year attributable to ordinary equity holders of the parent by the weighted average of ordinary shares outstanding during the year. As of December 31, 2024 and 2023, the calculation of basic earnings per share is performed using the weighted average shares outstanding for 2024 and 2023, respectively.

# Diluted earnings per share

Diluted earnings per share are calculated by dividing the net profit attributable to the ordinary equity holders of the parent by the weighted average number of ordinary shares outstanding during the year plus the weighted average number of ordinary shares that would be issued on the conversion of all the dilutive potential ordinary shares into ordinary shares. The only category of potentially dilutive shares at December 31, 2024 and 2023 are AMG's share options and AMG's restricted share unit and performance share unit plans. The diluted earnings per share calculation includes the number of shares that could have been acquired at fair value given the exercise price attached to the outstanding options. The calculated number of shares is then compared with the number of shares that would have been issued assuming the exercise of the share options.

For the year ended December 31, 2024, there were 125 (2023: 9) shares related to outstanding stock options that could potentially further dilute basic EPS in future periods but were anti-dilutive in 2024 due to the strike price of the options relative to the average price of the Company's shares for the year.

Earnings	2024	2023
Net (loss) profit attributable to equity holders for basic and diluted earnings per share	(33,351)	101,320
Number of shares (in 000's)		
Weighted average number of ordinary shares for basic earnings per share	32,249	32,155
Dilutive effect of stock options and other share-based compensation	_	86
Dilutive effect of performance share units	_	229
Weighted average number of ordinary shares adjusted for effect of dilution	32,249	32,470
Basic (loss) earnings per share	(1.03)	3.15
Diluted (loss) earnings per share	(1.03)	3.12

# 19. Non-controlling Interests

As of December 31, 2024, non-controlling interests totaled \$44,070 (2023: \$44,220).

On March 30, 2015, the Company sold a 40% equity interest in a German subsidiary, Graphit Kropfmühl GmbH ("AMG Graphite"). This sale resulted in the Company owning 60% of this subsidiary and a non-controlling interest of 40%. The Company has maintained control of the subsidiary and continues to consolidate the financial results. The non-controlling interest has rights to the financial position and results of AMG Graphite in proportion with their ownership. The non-controlling interest also has protective rights which prevent fundamental changes to AMG Graphite as well as restrictions on the ability to transfer cash out of the subsidiary.

The summarized financial information of this subsidiary is provided below. This information is based on amounts before intercompany eliminations:

Summarized financial information as of December 31:	2024	2023
Revenues	67,175	64,571
Current assets	86,309	91,586
Non-current assets	24,336	27,307
Current liabilities	21,267	22,309
Non-current liabilities	13,453	13,903
Total equity	75,925	82,681
Attributable to:		
Equity holders of parent	45,848	50,175
Non-controlling interest	30,077	32,506

In addition to the balances above, the Company also had several other non-controlling interests in its subsidiaries, including a partnership between our Brazilian subsidiary and JX Metals Corporation (JXM). The partnership comprises the tantalum operations in Brazil. As part of the partnership, AMG Brazil is the ostensible partner holding 55% ownership but has complete control on operations. At December 31, 2024, JXM's non-controlling interest was \$6,586 (2023: \$6,586). The remaining \$7,407 (2023: \$5,128) of non-controlling interests relates ownership interests held by local management within two of our Chinese subsidiaries.

## 20. Loans and borrowings

This note provides information about the contractual terms of the Company's interest-bearing loans and borrowings. For more information about the Company's exposure to interest rate and foreign currency risk, see note 28.

Non-current	Interest rate	Maturity	2024	2023
Term Loan B <sup>1</sup>	SOFR <sup>2</sup> +3.50%	Nov 2028	427,438	333,902
Municipal bond	5.00 %	July 2049	318,747	319,002
Subsidiary debt	3.40% - 5.17%	Jan 2025 - Nov 2028	2,017	3,361
Total			748,202	656,265

Current	Interest rate	Maturity	2024	2023
Term Loan B <sup>1</sup>	SOFR <sup>2</sup> +3.50%	Nov 2028	4,522	3,500
Subsidiary debt	3.40% - 5.17%	Jan 2025 - Nov 2028	672	2,066
Total			5,194	5,566

<sup>1)</sup> The interest rate is subject to a 0.50% SOFR floor. As of December 31, 2024, the effective floating interest rate, including credit spread adjustment, was 8.0% (2023: 9.0%).

## Term loan and revolving credit facility

On November 30, 2021, the Company entered into a \$350,000, 7-year senior secured term loan B facility ("term loan") and a \$200,000 5-year senior secured revolving credit facility ("revolver"). The total facility amount of \$550,000 replaced AMG's previous credit facility and extended the term loan maturity from 2025 to 2028 and revolver maturity from 2023 to 2026. Proceeds from the facility were used to repay AMG's previous credit facility in 2021.

On April 15, 2024, AMG entered into a new \$100,000 incremental term loan, structured as a fungible add-on to the existing \$350,000, 7-year senior secured term loan B facility ("term loan"). The \$100,000 incremental term loan has the same pricing, terms and 2028 maturity as the existing \$350 million term loan. Proceeds from the new incremental term loan were used for general corporate purposes and lithium resource development.

<sup>2)</sup> Effective April 2023, the LIBOR benchmark interest rate on the Term Loan B was converted to Term SOFR as a result of the global reforms for interest rate benchmarks. See additional discussion below.

In July 2017, the United Kingdom's Financial Conduct Authority, which regulates the London Interbank Offered Rate (LIBOR), announced it intends to phase out LIBOR by June 30, 2023. The Alternative Reference Rates Committee ('ARRC'), a group of private-market participants convened by the Federal Reserve Board and the Federal Reserve Bank of New York to help ensure a successful transition from U.S. dollar LIBOR ('USD-LIBOR') to a more robust reference rate, has proposed that the Secured Overnight Financing Rate ('SOFR') represents the best alternative to USD-LIBOR for use in derivatives and other financial contracts that are currently indexed to USD-LIBOR. The Company's Credit Agreement and interest rate swaps included a hardwired transition process from LIBOR to SOFR, as the successor benchmark reference rate. The Company elected to adopt the conversion to the Term SOFR rate, including a credit spread adjustment, in April 2023 as permitted by the credit agreement.

As of December 31, 2024, the total outstanding principal on the term loan was \$438,733 (2023: \$343,000), and the available revolver capacity was \$200,000 (2023: \$194,850). As noted above, interest on the revolver is based on current SOFR (or in the case of any loans denominated in euros, EURIBOR) plus a margin that is dependent on AMG's corporate credit rating. Additionally, the revolver, as a sustainability-linked loan, is subject to a margin adjustment based on annual  $CO_2$  intensity reduction targets. At December 31, 2024 the margin on the revolver was 2.75% (2023: 2.50%). As part of obtaining the revolver the Company is responsible for maintaining Net Debt to EBITDA not to exceed 3.5:1.0. Interest on the term loan is based on current SOFR plus a margin of 3.5% and is subject to a SOFR floor of 0.50% as of December 31, 2024.

To mitigate interest rate risk, the Company entered into interest rate swaps totaling \$350,000, in connection with the execution of the term loan and revolver on November 30, 2021, and totaling \$100,000, in connection with the incremental term loan on April 15, 2024. This determination was made as part of the ongoing risk management process as these instruments mitigate the interest rate risk on the Company's credit facility. The interest rate swaps had similar fallback features that contemplated the phaseout of the LIBOR rate. See note 29 for additional information on the interest rate hedging activities.

The credit facility is subject to several affirmative and negative covenants including, but not limited to, the following: Net Debt to EBITDA not to exceed 3.5:1.0. EBITDA and Net Debt are defined in the credit facility agreement. The definitions per the credit facility agreement may be different from management definitions. The credit facility limits the amount of cash that can be included in the calculation of Net Debt. AMG's current cash balance is significantly in excess of the credit facility limit. As a result, the Net Debt to EBITDA ratio as defined by the credit facility as of December 31, 2024 was 1.5:1.0 (2023: 0.5:1.0). As of December 31, 2024, the Company was in compliance with all of its debt covenants.

Mandatory repayment of the credit facility is required upon the occurrence of (i) a change of control or (ii) the sale of all or substantially all of the business and/or assets of the Company whether in a single transaction or a series of related transactions. If the Company were not in compliance with all covenants under the credit facility, the loan could become due in full or the Company could be subject to significant amendment fees.

#### Debt issuance costs

The Company incurred issuance costs of \$9,724 in connection with the term loan and revolving credit facilities, which were deducted from the proceeds of the debt. The amounts have been allocated to the term loans and revolver based on the amount which would have been incurred if the facilities were obtained separately.

The amount allocated to the term loans of \$6,801 is shown net against the outstanding term loan balance and is amortized using the effective interest method. The Company recorded amortization expense of \$1,151 (2023: \$740) during the year ended December 31, 2024 related to these costs. The balance of unamortized costs net against the book value of the term loan was \$4,142 (2023: \$3,195) as of December 31, 2024.

The amount allocated to the revolver of \$2,922 is included in other assets because there were no borrowings outstanding. This amount is being amortized on a straight-line basis over the life of the facility. The Company has recorded amortization expense of \$807 during 2024 (2023: \$634) related to these costs. The balance of unamortized costs recorded in other assets related to the revolving credit facility was \$793 (2023: \$1,216) as of December 31, 2024.

#### Original issuance discount

The term loan included an original issue discount (OID) of 100 basis points, or \$3,500, and the incremental term loan included an OID of 97 basis points, or \$970, the total of which is shown net against the outstanding term loan balance and is amortized using the effective interest method. The Company has recorded amortization expense of \$743 (2023: \$541) during the year ended December 31, 2024 related to this OID. The balance of unamortized costs recorded was \$2,631 (2023: \$2,403) as of December 31, 2024.

## Municipal bond

On July 11, 2019, the Company entered into a \$307,200 municipal bond in the US tax-exempt bond market generating proceeds of \$325,000 as the bond was issued by AMG Vanadium LLC at a premium. The bond was issued through the Ohio Air Quality Development Authority for the purpose of constructing a new catalyst recycling facility in Ohio. The bonds have a coupon rate of 5.0% and mature on July 1, 2049. The bonds are fully guaranteed by the Company. There are no financial covenants related to the bonds. The bonds are unsecured and subordinated to the term loan and revolver.

The bonds have several redemption provisions. The Company has an optional redemption whereby it can redeem the bonds beginning on July 1, 2029 through the date of maturity for the par value plus accrued interest at the date of redemption. The municipal bond also grants the holders of the bonds the right to tender their bonds for purchase by the Company upon a change in control of the Company at a purchase price of 101% of the principal amount of the bonds plus accrued interest.

#### Debt issuance costs

In connection with the issuance of the municipal bonds in July 2019, the Company incurred issuance costs of \$4,981, which were deducted from the proceeds of the municipal bonds. These issuance costs are presented net against the outstanding municipal bond balance and are amortized using the effective interest method. The Company recorded amortization expense of \$91 (2023: \$86) during the year ended December 31, 2024 related to these costs. The balance of unamortized costs was \$4,535 (2023: \$4,625) as of December 31, 2024.

## Bond issuance premium

The municipal bond included a premium of \$17,800 which is shown with the outstanding municipal bond balance and is amortized using the effective interest method. The Company recorded amortization of \$346 (2023: \$328) during the year ended December 31, 2024. The balance of unamortized premium recorded was \$16,082 (2023: \$16,427) as of December 31, 2024.

## Reconciliation of movements of liabilities to cash flows arising from financing activities

	Total
Balance at January 1, 2023	676,434
Changes from financing cash flows:	
Proceeds from loans and borrowings	_
Repayment of borrowings	(15,995)
Total changes from financing cash flows	(15,995)
The effect of changes in foreign exchange rates	353
Amortization of transaction costs related to loans and borrowings	1,039
Balance at December 31, 2023	661,831
Balance at January 1, 2024	661,831
Changes from financing cash flows:	
Proceeds from loans and borrowings	100,000
Payment of transaction costs related to the issuance of debt	(3,068)
Repayment of borrowings	(6,769)
Total changes from financing cash flows	90,163
The effect of changes in foreign exchange rates	(238)
Amortization of premiums, discounts and transaction costs related to loans and borrowings	1,640
Balance at December 31, 2024	753,396

#### 21. Short-term bank debt

As of December 31, 2024, the Company had outstanding short-term bank debt of \$10,435 (2023: \$7,678). The Company's subsidiaries maintain short-term borrowing arrangements primarily to fund working capital needs with various banks at a weighted-average interest rate of 2.0% (2023: 3.9%). Borrowings under these arrangements are recognized as short-term debt on the consolidated statement of financial position when it is due to be settled within 12 months from inception.

## 22. Employee benefits

## Defined contribution plans

Tax qualified defined contribution plans are offered which cover substantially all of the Company's salaried and hourly employees at US subsidiaries. All contributions, including a portion that represents a company match, are made in cash into mutual fund accounts in accordance with the participants' investment elections. The assets of the plans are held separately, under the control of trustees, from the assets of the subsidiaries. When employees leave the plans prior to vesting fully in the Company contributions, the contributions or fees payable by the Company are reduced by the forfeited contributions.

In Europe, the employees are members of state-managed retirement benefit plans operated by the governments in the countries where the employees work. The subsidiaries are required to contribute a specified percentage of payroll costs to the retirement benefit scheme to fund the benefits. The only obligation of the subsidiaries with respect to the retirement benefit plan is to make the specified contributions.

The total expense as of December 31, 2024, recognized in the consolidated income statement of \$5,259 (2023: \$4,818) represents contributions paid and payable to these plans.

## Defined benefit plans

#### North America plans

The Company offers tax-qualified, non-contributory defined benefit pension plans for salaried and hourly employees at US subsidiaries covered under collective bargaining agreements. The plans generally provide benefit payments using a formula based on an employee's compensation and length of service. These plans are funded in amounts at least equal to the minimum funding requirements of the US Employee Retirement Income Security Act.

Non-qualified additional supplemental executive retirement plans (SERPs) also cover four of the Company's current and former executive officers. Pursuant to the terms of the agreements, these officers earn additional retirement benefits for continued service with the Company. The amounts payable under the SERPs are guaranteed by AMG.

#### **Actuarial assumptions**

A majority of the North America plans are frozen to new entrants. As a result, the principal actuarial assumptions for these plans are the rate of discount and mortality rates. The rate of discount utilized as of December 31, 2024 (expressed as a weighted average) was 5.09% (2023: 4.83%). The SERP plan assumptions are developed using specific assumptions about the individual participants.

Assumptions regarding future mortality are based on published statistics and the mortality tables developed by the Society of Actuaries for private sector plans in the United States using MP-2021 as published in October 2021. The valuation was prepared on a going-plan basis. The valuation was based on members in the Plan as of the valuation date and did not take future members into account. No provisions for future expenses were made.

Medical cost trend rates are not applicable to these plans.

The best estimate of contributions to be paid to the plans for the year ending December 31, 2025 is \$1,432.

#### European plans

The Company's European plans include qualified defined benefit plans in Germany, the UK and France. The plans in Germany and France are partially funded or unfunded while the UK plan is partially funded. Benefits under these plans are based on years of service and the employee's compensation. Benefits are paid either from plan assets or, in certain instances, directly by AMG. Substantially all plan assets are invested in listed stocks and bonds.

A non-qualified additional supplemental executive retirement plan (SERP) also covers one of the Company's current executive officers. Pursuant to the terms of the agreement, this officer earns additional retirement benefits for continued service with the Company. The amounts payable under the SERP are guaranteed by AMG.

#### **Actuarial assumptions**

Principal actuarial assumptions at the reporting date (expressed as weighted averages) are presented below.

	2024	2023
	% per annum	% per annum
Salary increases	1.32	1.44
Rate of discount at December 31	4.15	3.84
Pension payments increases	2.48	2.52

Assumptions regarding future mortality are based on published statistics and mortality tables including the RT 2018G and S3PxA mortality tables.

The best estimate of contributions to be paid to the primary plans for the year ending December 31, 2025 is \$10,392.

Presented below are employee benefits disclosures for plans aggregated by geographical location into the North American and European groups.

# 2024 changes in the defined benefit obligation and fair value of plan assets:

	N	lorth America			Europe			Total	
	Fair Value of Plan Asset	Defined Benefit Obligation	Total	Fair Value of Plan Asset	Defined Benefit Obligation	Total	Fair Value of Plan Asset	Defined Benefit Obligation	Total
January 1, 2024	30,217	(49,676)	(19,459)	72,461	(186,335)	(113,874)	102,678	(236,011)	(133,333)
Service costs	_	(367)	(367)	_	(2,349)	(2,349)	_	(2,716)	(2,716)
Net interest	1,133	(2,292)	(1,159)	2,492	(6,830)	(4,338)	3,625	(9,122)	(5,497)
Subtotal included in profit or loss	1,133	(2,659)	(1,526)	2,492	(9,179)	(6,687)	3,625	(11,838)	(8,213)
Benefits paid	(2,964)	2,964	_	(6,391)	10,375	3,984	(9,355)	13,339	3,984
Amounts included in other comprehensive income (OCI) (see following table)	(283)	2,573	2,290	(5,630)	5,510	(120)	(5,913)	8,083	2,170
Contributions by employer	853	_	853	3,427	_	3,427	4,280	_	4,280
Change in asset ceiling	_	_	_	_	(135)	(135)	_	(135)	(135)
Effect of movements in foreign exchange rates	_	_	_	(1,293)	8,034	6,741	(1,293)	8,034	6,741
Change in the fair value of defined benefit plans that are in net asset position as of December 31, 2024 <sup>1</sup>	(96)	_	(96)	16	_	16	(80)	_	(80)
Net liability for defined benefits obligations at December 31, 2024	28,860	(46,798)	(17,938)	65,082	(171,730)	(106,648)	93,942	(218,528)	(124,586)

<sup>1) \$260</sup> included in non-current assets in the Statement of Financial Position.

## 2024 subtotal included in OCI:

	N	orth America			Europe			Total	
	Fair Value of Plan Asset	Defined Benefit Obligation	Total	Fair Value of Plan Asset	Defined Benefit Obligation	Total	Fair Value of Plan Asset	Defined Benefit Obligation	Total
Return on plan assets (excluding amounts included in net interest expense)	(283)	_	(283)	(5,630)	_	(5,630)	(5,913)	_	(5,913)
Assets ceiling		_			(69)	(69)		(69)	(69)
Actuarial changes arising from changes in demographic assumptions	_	_	_	_	639	639	_	639	639
Actuarial changes arising from changes in financial assumptions	_	2,266	2,266	_	6,721	6,721	_	8,987	8,987
Experience adjustments	_	307	307	_	(1,781)	(1,781)	_	(1,474)	(1,474)
Subtotal included in OCI	(283)	2,573	2,290	(5,630)	5,510	(120)	(5,913)	8,083	2,170

# 2023 changes in the defined benefit obligation and fair value of plan assets:

	N	lorth America			Europe			Total	
	Fair Value of Plan Asset	Defined Benefit Obligation	Total	Fair Value of Plan Asset	Defined Benefit Obligation	Total	Fair Value of Plan Asset	Defined Benefit Obligation	Total
January 1, 2023	30,393	(43,723)	(13,330)	65,703	(169,533)	(103,830)	96,096	(213,256)	(117,160)
Service costs	_	(5,600)	(5,600)	_	(1,916)	(1,916)	_	(7,516)	(7,516)
Net interest	1,168	(2,116)	(948)	2,770	(7,306)	(4,536)	3,938	(9,422)	(5,484)
Subtotal included in profit or loss	1,168	(7,716)	(6,548)	2,770	(9,222)	(6,452)	3,938	(16,938)	(13,000)
Benefits paid	(2,953)	2,953	_	(7,072)	10,986	3,914	(10,025)	13,939	3,914
Amounts included in OCI (see following table)	847	(1,190)	(343)	(498)	(10,828)	(11,326)	349	(12,018)	(11,669)
Contributions by employer	649	_	649	7,894	_	7,894	8,543	_	8,543
Effect of movements in foreign exchange rates	_	_	_	3,671	(7,738)	(4,067)	3,671	(7,738)	(4,067)
Change in the fair value of defined benefit plans that are in net asset position as of December 31, 2023 <sup>1</sup>	113	_	113	(7)	_	(7)	106	_	106
Net liability for defined benefits obligations at December 31, 2023	30,217	(49,676)	(19,459)	72,461	(186,335)	(113,874)	102,678	(236,011)	(133,333)

<sup>1) \$180</sup> included in non-current assets in the Statement of Financial Position.

## 2023 subtotal included in OCI:

	N	lorth America			Europe			Total		
	Fair Value of Plan Asset	Defined Benefit Obligation	Total	Fair Value of Plan Asset	Defined Benefit Obligation	Total	Fair Value of Plan Asset	Defined Benefit Obligation	Total	
Return on plan assets (excluding amounts included in net interest expense)	847	_	847	(498)	_	(498)	349	_	349	
. ,	011		011	,	(4.774)	,		(4.774)		
Assets ceiling					(4,774)	(4,774)		(4,774)	(4,774)	
Actuarial changes arising from changes in demographic assumptions	_	_	_	_	2,968	2,968	_	2,968	2,968	
Actuarial changes arising from changes in financial assumptions		(994)	(994)		(8,982)	(8,982)		(9,976)	(9,976)	
assumptions		(994)	(994)		(0,902)	(0,902)		(3,370)	(3,970)	
Experience adjustments	_	(196)	(196)	_	(40)	(40)	_	(236)	(236)	
Subtotal included in OCI	847	(1,190)	(343)	(498)	(10,828)	(11,326)	349	(12,018)	(11,669)	

## Plan assets consist of the following:

_	North America plans		Europear	n plans	Total		
	2024	2023	2024	2023	2024	2023	
Equity securities and ownership of equity funds	5,448	7,707	15,608	39,974	21,056	47,681	
Fixed income	22,813	21,814	_	_	22,813	21,814	
Insurance contracts and other	829	835	49,503	32,528	50,332	33,363	
Total	29,090	30,356	65,111	72,502	94,201	102,858	

The assets of funded plans are generally held in separately administered trusts, either as specific assets or as a proportion of a general fund or insurance contracts. Assets are invested in different classes in order to maintain a balance between risk and return. Investments are diversified to limit the financial effect of the failure on any individual investment. For many of the funded plans, asset-liability matching strategies are not in place, however the fixed income assets are held in investments with varying term lengths.

The assets included in equity securities in the table above consists of securities held at market value. The fixed income assets consist primarily of investment grade and corporate bonds at market value. The insurance contracts and other consist of insurance contracts and other investment vehicles held at market value.

The expense is recognized in the following line items in the income statement:

_	North America plans		European plans		Total	
	2024	2023	2024	2023	2024	2023
Cost of sales	261	325	1,901	1,956	2,162	2,281
Selling, general and administrative expenses	1,266	6,223	4,784	4,496	6,050	10,719
Total	1,527	6,548	6,685	6,452	8,212	13,000

A quantitative sensitivity analysis for significant assumptions as of December 31, 2024 is as shown below:

Assumptions	Discount rate		Future salar	y increases	Future pension cost increase		
Sensitivity level	1% increase	1% decrease	1% increase	1% decrease	0.5% increase	0.5% decrease	
Impact on the net defined benefit obligation North American Plans	(3,481)	4,009	128	(133)	85	(80)	
Impact on the net defined benefit obligation European Plans	(18,425)	21,580	1,993	(1,775)	6,372	(5,898)	
Total impact on the net defined benefit obligation	(21,906)	25,589	2,121	(1,908)	6,457	(5,978)	

The sensitivity analyses above have been determined based on a method that extrapolates the impact on net defined benefit obligation as a result of reasonable changes in key assumptions occurring at the end of the reporting period.

The following payments are expected to be made in the future years out of the defined benefit plan obligation for the year ending December 31:

	North America Plans	European Plans	Total
2025	4,020	10,392	14,412
2026	3,870	10,332	14,202
2027	3,830	10,591	14,421
2028	3,770	10,852	14,622
2029	4,060	11,237	15,297
2030-2034	20,140	54,323	74,463

The average duration of the defined benefit plan obligation at the end of the reporting period is 12 years (2023:12 years).

These defined benefit plans expose the Company to actuarial risks, such as longevity risk, currency risk, interest rate risk and market (investment) risk.

## 23. Share-based Payments

In May 2021, the shareholders of the Company approved an amendment to the Company's Remuneration Policy and long-term incentive program at the Annual General Meeting. Under the terms of the Remuneration Policy, equity-settled stock options are no longer awarded, and all awards for members of the Management Board will be in the form of performance share units ("PSU's"). The PSU's will continue to feature a three year service period; however, the new PSU plan also requires an additional two year holding period for members of the Management Board subsequent to vesting in line with the Dutch Corporate Governance Code. The PSU's have a market performance vesting condition based upon the Company's total shareholder return relative to a relevant global peer group. However, the performance share units no longer vest for performance below the 50th percentile. The Company established a restricted share unit ("RSU") plan for the Company's employees outside of the AMG Management Board, which is discussed in detail below. These revisions to the Company's Remuneration Policy were effective on May 6, 2021 and did not impact or modify previously issued share-based payment awards.

## Equity-settled stock options

As noted above, equity-settled stock options were discontinued as a result of the Company's amended Remuneration Policy. However, all previously issued and outstanding stock options to the Management Board were subject to the 2009 AMG Option Plan ("2009 Plan") approved on May 13, 2009 at the Annual General Meeting. Each option issued under the 2009 Plan entitles the holder to acquire shares at a future date at a price equal to the fair market value of the share at the date on which the option was granted. One half of the options granted to each option holder on any date will vest on each of the third and fourth anniversaries of the grant date. The vesting is subject to a performance condition related to return on capital employed. The options expire on the tenth anniversary of their grant date.

During the year ended December 31, 2024, no options were exercised (2023: nil) under the 2009 Plan. There were no new option grants under the 2009 Plan during the years ended December 31, 2024 and 2023. During the years ended December 31, 2024 and 2023, there were no grants that expired or forfeited.

All options under the 2009 Plan are equity-settled, in accordance with IFRS 2, by award of options to acquire ordinary shares or award of ordinary shares. The fair value of these awards has been calculated at the date of grant of the award. The fair value, adjusted for an estimate of the number of awards that will eventually vest, is expensed using a graded vesting methodology. The fair value of the options granted was calculated using a Black-Scholes model. Changes in the assumptions can affect the fair value estimate of a Black- Scholes model. The assumptions used in the calculation are set out below.

During the year ended December 31, 2024, AMG recorded compensation expense from equity-settled option transactions of \$20 (2023: \$128) which is included in selling, general and administrative expenses in the income statement.

## **Movements**

		2024		2023
	Number of options (in 000s)	Weighted average exercise price (in €)	Number of options (in 000s)	Weighted average exercise price (in €)
Outstanding at January 1	305	25.37	305	25.37
Granted during the year	_	_	_	_
Exercised during the year	_	_	_	_
Forfeited or expired during the year	_	_	_	_
Outstanding at December 31	305	25.37	305	25.37
Exercisable at December 31	305	25.37	233	27.24

At December 31, 2024, the number of common shares subject to options outstanding and exercisable was as follows:

Price range	Outstanding options	Weighted average exercise price (in €)	Weighted average remaining life (in years)	Exercisable options	Weighted average exercise price (in €)
€19.31 to €25.50	220,152	21.44	4.22	220,152	15.46
€31.43 to €44.24	85,251	35.51	3.93	85,251	9.91

At December 31, 2023, the number of common shares subject to options outstanding and exercisable was as follows:

Price range	Outstanding options	Weighted average exercise price (in €)	Weighted average remaining life (in years)	Exercisable options	Weighted average exercise price (in €)
€19.31 to €25.50	220,152	21.44	5.22	147,931	14.26
€31.43 to €44.24	85,251	35.51	4.93	85,251	12.98

The maximum number of options that can be granted is 10% of total shares outstanding up to a maximum of 50,000,000. As of December 31, 2024, the total options outstanding under the 2009 Plan were 305,403 (2023: 305,403).

## **Assumptions**

Under IFRS 2, the return on capital employed vesting condition is deemed to be a non-market performance condition. In accounting for non-market performance conditions, the Company recognizes expense based on the number of equity instruments that are expected to vest at the grant date. The Company revises that estimate, if necessary, if subsequent information indicates that the number of equity instruments expected to vest differs from previous estimates.

## Performance share units

In May 2009, the Annual General Meeting approved a remuneration policy that utilizes share-based payments as a part of compensation. This policy was subsequently amended by the May 2021 Annual General Meeting as discussed previously. In the year ended December 31, 2024, the Company issued 392,114 (2023: 158,834) PSU's under the 2021 Plan to members of the Company's management which are share-settled. The PSU's granted to each employee on any date will vest on the third

anniversary of the grant date. As these awards will be equity-settled, the balance is recorded in equity rather than as a liability in accordance with IFRS 2.

AMG utilized a Monte Carlo simulation to develop a valuation of the PSU awards. This calculation was performed on the date of issuance. The following table lists the inputs into the model used to calculate the fair value of the equity-settled performance share units that were granted 2021 through 2024:

	2024 Grant	2023 Grant	2022 Grant
Fair value at grant date	€20.14	€35.22	€35.98
Share price at date of grant	€21.11	€38.92	€32.74
Contractual life at issuance (years)	2.8	2.8	3.0
Expected volatility	45.7%	45.6%	50.2%
Discount for lack of marketability <sup>1</sup>	14.0%	14.0%	14.0%
Expected departures at grant	8%	8%	_

<sup>1)</sup> Discount for lack of marketability applies only to members of the AMG Management Board.

The expected volatility was calculated using the average share volatility of the Company (over a period equal to the expected term of the shares). The expected life is the time at which shares will vest. For the risk-free rate, the Company utilized the relevant central bank rate curve for the currency of its peer group's respective share prices for the 2024 grants. The risk free rate does not have a significant impact on the valuation of the awards. The discount for lack of marketability is a factor that is specifically relevant and applicable in the context of the management board.

The Company recorded expense of \$5,097 (2023: \$3,609) related to these awards during the year, which is net of \$16 (2023: \$12) of expense that was allocated to non-controlling interests. AMG's expense related to equity-settled awards is recorded in equity.

In the year ended December 31, 2024, 395 PSUs were forfeited (2023: 1,218). The total number of equity-settled PSUs outstanding as of December 31, 2024 was 632,692 (2023: 331,134).

During the year ended December 31, 2024, the Company again awarded PSU's to employees of the Company as well as to the members of the Management Board. As such, the 2024 awards assume an 8% forfeiture rate, which approximates the Company's historical rate of departures. Since the 2022 awards were only granted to members of the Management Board, the Company assumed no forfeitures for those awards given the historical rate of departures for members of the Management Board.

The PSU awards include a performance multiplier which can range from 0x - 1.75x the target award based on the Company's share price performance relative to its peers.

The Company achieved 0.0x multiplier for the 2021 grant and as such these awards did not vest in 2024 (2023: 1.75x). During the year ended December 31, 2024, nil shares (2023: 415,116) were paid out with respect to the vesting of equity-settled performance share units granted in 2021.

Under the 2021 PSU plan, PSU awards now vest on December 31st. Based on AMG's total shareholder return relative to its peer group, the 2022 awards achieved 0.0x multiplier.

#### Restricted share units

In May 2021, the AMG Management Board approved an RSU plan that provides share-based payments as a component of compensation to employees of the Company. In the year ended December 31, 2024, the Company issued nil (2023: nil) RSU's to employees which are share-settled under the new plan. The RSU's granted to each employee will vest on the third anniversary of the grant date. The vesting is subject only to service conditions provided that the employee has remained continuously in the employment of the Company or a Group Company until the vesting date. In the event that the Supervisory Board has approved to pay-out any dividends to shareholders of the Company, the equivalent of the cash amount of the dividend will be converted to incremental RSU's to be awarded upon the vesting date to employees. As these awards will be equity-settled, the balance is recorded in equity rather than as a liability in accordance with IFRS 2. There were no RSU's granted during the year ended December 31, 2024. The Company recorded expense of \$960 (2023: \$2,062) related to the outstanding RSU's in the year ended December 31, 2024, which is net of an 8% forfeiture rate based on the expected departures at the grant date.

In the year ended December 31, 2024, 1,428 RSUs were forfeited (2023: 2,230). The total number of equity-settled RSUs outstanding as of December 31, 2024 was 75,171 (2023: 151,039).

#### 24. Provisions

	Environmental remediation costs and recoveries	Restructuring	Warranty	Cost estimates	Partial retirement	Restoration costs	Other	Total
Balance at January 1, 2023	4,823	1,106	2,761	3,258	535	8,897	1,282	22,662
Provisions made during the period	313	9,817	3,985	4,569	_	1	1,263	19,948
Provisions reversals during the period	_	(324)	(2,144)	(2,418)	(64)	_	(153)	(5,103)
Provisions used during the period	(570)	(5,552)	(223)	(628)	_	_	(102)	(7,075)
Increase due to discounting	9	_	_	_	_	1,070	_	1,079
Currency and transfers	150	(1,357)	82	150	18	3,530	71	2,644
Balance at December 31, 2023	4,725	3,690	4,461	4,931	489	13,498	2,361	34,155
Balance at January 1, 2024	4,725	3,690	4,461	4,931	489	13,498	2,361	34,155
Provisions made during the period	449	3,856	1,915	4,034	11	4	291	10,560
Provisions reversals during the period	_	(19)	(2,505)	(1,981)	_	_	(163)	(4,668)
Provisions used during the period	(1,039)	(4,893)	(305)	(2,273)	_	_	(89)	(8,599)
(Decrease) increase due to discounting	(173)	_		_	_	657	_	484
Currency and transfers	(149)	(1,194)	(234)	(290)	(30)	(742)	(146)	(2,785)
Balance at December 31, 2024	3,813	1,440	3,332	4,421	470	13,417	2,254	29,147
Non-current	2,666	_	_	_	489	13,090	1,706	17,951
Current	2,059	3,690	4,461	4,931	_	408	655	16,204
Balance at December 31, 2023	4,725	3,690	4,461	4,931	489	13,498	2,361	34,155
Non-current	2,721	_	_	_	470	13,417	1,701	18,309
Current	1,092	1,440	3,332	4,421	_	_	553	10,838
Balance at December 31, 2024	3,813	1,440	3,332	4,421	470	13,417	2,254	29,147

## Environmental remediation costs and recoveries

The Company makes provisions for environmental clean-up requirements, largely resulting from historical solid and hazardous waste handling and disposal practices at facilities of certain of its subsidiaries. Environmental remediation provisions exist at the following sites and are discounted according to the timeline of expected payments. Due to timing and low interest rates, the undiscounted and discounted liability amounts do not differ significantly, except with respect to the liabilities in the US.

#### Cambridge, OH USA

The most significant items at the Cambridge, Ohio site relate to a 1997 permanent injunction consent order ("PICO") entered into with the State of Ohio and Cyprus Foote Mineral Company, the former owner of the site. While AMG's US subsidiary, AMG Vanadium LLC (AMGV) and Cyprus Foote are jointly liable, AMGV has agreed to perform and be liable for the remedial obligations. The site contains two on-site slag piles that are the result of many years of production. These slag piles were capped in 2009, in accordance with the PICO requirements, thereby lowering the radioactive emissions from the piles.

The PICO also required 1,000 years of operations and maintenance expenses ("O&M") through the year 3009 at the site. AMGV has reserved for ongoing O&M which is expected to cost \$43,609 on an undiscounted basis and \$1,091 (2023: \$1,270) on a discounted basis. Annual payments for O&M are expected to be \$59 for the next 12 years, declining from that point on. These amounts will be paid out of an environmental trust and annuity which have already been established by the Company. The total value of these trust and annuity assets is \$5,456 (2023: \$5,146) of which \$4,365 (2023: \$3,876) has not been recognized due to the liability amount recorded being less than the value of the assets. One additional provision relates to groundwater monitoring. This project is expected to create cash outflows of \$31 (\$48 on an undiscounted basis), and is expected to be completed within the next 11 years. Discount rates of 4.16% - 4.72% (depending on the expected timing of payments) were used in determining the liabilities recorded.

There were no environmental expenses recorded in the year ended December 31, 2024 (2023: nil) and payments of \$10 (2023: \$26) related to the Cambridge site.

#### Newfield, NJ USA

The Newfield, NJ site is a former manufacturing facility of the Company's subsidiary, Shieldalloy Metallurgical Corporation (SMC), that ceased manufacturing operations in 2007. The United States Environmental Protection Agency (the "US EPA") and the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection ("NJDEP") are the regulating authorities in regards to remediation of environmental liabilities identified at the site. The US EPA identified three environmental issues requiring remediation pertaining to contaminants in groundwater, contaminants in soil and sediment and perchlorate in groundwater. The liability associated with the non-perchlorate contaminants was transferred to a third-party in 2006. Refer to note 32 for additional details. SMC maintains responsibility for the remediation activities related to the perchlorate in groundwater.

The NJDEP maintains oversight for the remediation of low-level radioactive materials residing at the site. SMC conducted operations that created a substantial slag pile with low-level radioactive materials. SMC completed negotiations with the NJDEP regarding a removal plan for the Newfield Site in 2016. The remedy consisted of the removal of low level radioactive material for transportation and disposal at an approved licensed disposal facility. During the year ended December 31, 2024, SMC recorded an environmental expense of \$175 (2023: nil) in relation to these activities. As of December 31, 2024, SMC has completed a majority of the requirements under the Decommissioning Plan and made payments of \$559 (2023: \$6,907). Once the final steps are completed, SMC can file for termination of the license to possess low level radioactive materials with the NJDEP. Final license termination is subject to the approval of the NJDEP, and SMC could be required to perform additional activities by the NJDEP before final approval is granted.

A balance of \$509 (2023: \$865) (\$530 on an undiscounted basis) remains in the provision at December 31, 2024. These costs are expected to be paid over the next year, subject to negotiations with the regulatory agencies, and primarily relate to activities associated with perchlorate in groundwater. SMC will perform analysis of perchlorate in groundwater over that timeframe, and based on the results of those studies, SMC will submit final reports to the US EPA for remedy selection.

The remaining accrual represents Management's best estimate given the information available. Given the nature of the activities to be performed, there remains potential uncertainty with respect to the ultimate costs for which currently no reliable estimate can be made and which could be material.

In addition to the removal of the slag pile SMC has agreed to an operations and maintenance agreement (O&M) which resulted in a provision balance of \$81 at December 31, 2024 (2023: \$97).

#### Remediation trust funds

The Company's US subsidiaries have established trust funds for future environmental remediation payments. The amounts are kept by commercial banks, which are responsible for making investments in equity and money market instruments. The trust funds are to be used according to the terms of the trust deed which require that these funds be used for O&M at the two US sites. Amounts are paid out following completion and approval of rehabilitation work. The assets are not available for general use. The trust funds are discounted and are shown within other non-current assets in the consolidated statement of financial position. The recognized values of the trust funds at December 31, 2024 were \$1,771 (2023: \$1,930). The total amount of the trusts as of December 31, 2024 were \$6,136 (2023: \$5,806).

#### Pocking, Germany

An environmental remediation liability exists with respect to the silicon metal operation and its waste storage. As of December 31, 2024, the liability for the remediation of this site is valued at \$421 (2023: \$553). There was an expense of nil (2023: nil) and payments of \$135 (2023: \$21) made during 2024. There are expected payments in 2025 of \$375. There was a discount rate of 1.8% used to determine the liability recorded.

#### Nuremberg, Germany

Over time, damage to the sewer lines from the plant in Nuremberg, Germany has occurred. Management is working with German authorities in order to repair the sewer lines. In the year ended December 31, 2024, there was an expense of \$274 (2023: \$313) and payments of \$335 (2023: \$256). The expected liability for continued work on the sewer rehabilitation project is \$1,680 (2023: \$1,894). Payments for this project are expected to occur over the next 8 years with spending taking place in a relatively consistent pattern over those years. Discount rates of 0.00% - 1.6% (depending on the expected timing of payments) were used in determining the liabilities recorded.

## Restructuring

During the year ended December 31, 2024, the Company recorded restructuring expenses of \$2,863 (2023: \$9,547) in cost of good sold and \$993 (2023: \$270) on selling, general and administrative expenses, totaling \$3,856 (2023: \$9,817) which was offset by a reversal of (\$19) (2023: (\$324)). The current year net expense was largely driven by restructuring expenses in our production facility and severance payments in one of our European operations. These expenses were due to efficiency improvement measures in one of our Germany facilities resulting in a headcount reduction of 62.

## Restoration, rehabilitation and decommissioning costs

Decommissioning provisions represent the accrued cost required to provide adequate restoration and rehabilitation upon the completion of extraction activities. These amounts will be settled when rehabilitation is undertaken, generally at the end of the project's life.

#### Hauzenberg, Germany

The Company maintains a recultivation provision related to its graphite mine in Germany. There were no additional expense (2023: nil) and reversal of nil (2023: nil) recorded as of December 31, 2024. The total restoration liability for this mine was \$4,993 as of December 31, 2024 (2023: \$5,368). A discount rate of 2.2% was used to determine the liability recorded.

## Nazareno, Brazil

During the year ended December 31, 2024, there was a net increase in the liability of \$294, which totaled \$8,424 as of December 31, 2024 (2023: \$8,130). A discount rate of 10.10% was used to determine the liability recorded. The following table summarizes the activity as of December 31, 2024:

	Brazil restoration costs
Balance at January 1, 2023	4,297
Provisions reversed during the period	_
Provisions made during the period	1
Increase in fixed assets	2,871
Increase due to discounting	486
Translation gain	475
Balance at December 31, 2023	8,130
Balance at January 1, 2024	8,130
Provisions made during the period	4
Increase in fixed assets	1,535
Increase due to discounting	712
Translation loss	(1,957)
Balance at December 31, 2024	8,424
Non-current	7,722
Current	408
Balance at December 31, 2023	8,130
Non-current	8,424
Current	_
Balance at December 31, 2024	8,424

## 25. Other liabilities

Other liabilities are comprised of the following:

	2024	2023
Accrued bonus	13,646	14,736
Non-controlling interest dividend	8,760	4,170
Other benefits and compensation	8,714	8,502
Contingent consideration	8,459	1,886
Accrued interest	8,309	8,369
Accrued operation costs	7,692	9,692
Accrued employee payroll expenses	7,668	6,986
Accrued professional fees	6,217	6,749
Taxes, other than income	6,207	7,550
Fiscal contingency	5,106	5,690
Bank acceptance notes	4,641	_
Claims	1,760	1,409
Government grants	383	2,954
Other miscellaneous liabilities	2,533	3,143
Total	90,095	81,836
Thereof:		
Non-current	7,384	4,784
Current	82,711	77,052

During the year ended December 31, 2024, our subsidiary in China endorsed \$4,641 (2023: nil) of bank acceptance notes to vendors, as a form of payment for goods and services provided.

During the year ended December 31, 2024 the Company received \$383 (2023: \$2,954) of government grants mainly driven by the Energy Cost Reduction Act and Research Allowance for R&D projects in two of our operations in Germany.

Refer to notes 11 and 29 for additional information on the contingent consideration liability.

## 26. Trade and other payables

	2024	2023
Trade payables	144,007	174,448
Supplier financing payables	72,123	53,925
Trade payables – contract work	18,104	30,966
Total	234,234	259,339

The Company has limited exposure to payables denominated in currencies other than the functional currency, and where significant exposure exists enters into appropriate foreign exchange contracts.

- Trade payables are generally non-interest bearing and are normally settled on 30 or 60 day terms except for payables related to furnace construction contracts that settle between one month and twelve months. Other payables are non-interest bearing and have an average term of six months.
- Interest payable is normally settled quarterly or semi-annually throughout the financial year.
- For terms and conditions relating to related parties, refer to note 33.

## 27. Supplier financing arrangements

	2024	2023
Carrying amount of financial liabilities		
Presented in trade and other payables:	72,123	53,925
of which supplier have received payment from finance provider:	65,799	44,030
Range of payment due dates		
Liabilities that are part of the arrangements:	90-120 days	90-120 days
Comparable trade payable that are not part of the arrangements:	5-90 days	5-90 days

Certain subsidiaries of the Company participate in supplier chain financing arrangements with financial institutions to enhance payment flexibility to its suppliers. Under these arrangements, the financial institutions settle supplier invoices on behalf of the Company, and the Company subsequently repays the financial institutions, including fees, based on agreed terms. These arrangements provide the Company with longer payment terms while optimizing working capital. Liabilities under supplier chain financing arrangements are recognized in accordance with IFRS 9, Financial Instruments.

## 28. Financial risk management objectives and policies

The Company's principal financial liabilities, other than derivatives, are comprised of loans and borrowings, short-term bank debt, bank acceptance notes and trade and other payables. The main purpose of these financial instruments is to provide capital for the Company's operations, including funding working capital, capital maintenance and expansion. The Company has various financial assets such as trade and other receivables, cash and cash equivalents and restricted cash, which arise directly from its operations.

The Company enters into derivative financial instruments, primarily interest rate swaps, interest rate caps, cross-currency interest rate swaps, foreign exchange forward contracts, energy forward contracts and commodity forward contracts. The purpose of these instruments is to manage interest rate, currency, energy and commodity price risks. The Company does not enter into any contracts for speculative purposes.

The Supervisory Board has overall responsibility for the establishment of the Company's risk management framework while the Management Board is responsible for oversight and compliance within this framework. The Company's risk management policies are established to identify and analyze the risks faced by the Company, to set appropriate risk limits and controls, and to monitor risks and adherence to limits. Risk management policies and systems are reviewed regularly to reflect changes in market conditions and the Company's activities.

The main risks arising from the Company's financial instruments are: credit, liquidity and market risks.

#### Credit risk

The Company's exposure to credit risk with respect to trade and other receivables is influenced mainly by the individual characteristics of each customer. The demographics of the Company's customer base, including the default risk of the industry and country in which customers operate, has less of an influence on credit risk. No single customer accounts for more than 6% of the Company's revenue. There are no geographic concentrations of credit risk. It is the Company's policy that all customers who wish to trade on credit terms are subject to credit verification procedures which ensure their creditworthiness. In addition, receivable balances are monitored on an ongoing basis to ensure that the Company's exposure to impairment losses is not significant. Collateral is generally not required for trade receivables, although the Company's furnace construction contracts do often require advance payments. The Company's maximum exposure is the carrying amount as discussed in note 14.

With respect to credit risk arising from the other financial assets of the Company, which comprises cash and cash equivalents, restricted cash and derivative instruments, the Company's exposure to credit risk arises from the default of the counterparty, with a maximum exposure equal to the carrying amount of the instruments. The Company's treasury function monitors the location of cash and cash equivalents, restricted cash and the counterparties to hedges and monitors the strength of those banks. The Company's financial assets are held with bank and financial institution counterparties, which all carry investment-grade credit ratings. Impairment on cash and cash equivalents has been measured on a 12-month expected loss basis and reflects the short maturities of the exposures. The Company considers that its cash and cash equivalents have low credit risk based on the external credit ratings of the counterparties. The amount of impairment allowance at December 31, 2024 is \$1 (2023: \$1). The Company's maximum exposure is the carrying amounts as discussed in notes 16 and 29.

## Liquidity risk

Liquidity risk is the risk that the Company will not be able to meet its financial obligations as they fall due. The Company's approach to managing liquidity is to ensure, as far as possible, that it will always have sufficient liquidity to meet its liabilities when due, under both normal and stressed conditions, without incurring unacceptable losses or risking damage to the Company's reputation.

The Company monitors cash flows at varying levels. At the Company level, this monitoring is done on a bi-weekly basis. However, at several subsidiaries, this type of monitoring is done daily. Typically, the Company ensures that it has sufficient cash on demand to meet expected operational expenses for a period of eight weeks, including the servicing of financial obligations. In addition, the Company maintains various borrowing facilities for working capital and general corporate purposes. The Company's primary facility includes the following:

• \$450,000 term loan B facility and a \$200,000 revolving credit facility with a syndicate of banks that is secured by certain assets of the material subsidiaries of the Company. Interest is payable at a base rate plus a spread based on a leverage ratio.

The table below summarizes the maturity profile of the Company's financial liabilities at December 31, 2024, based on contractual undiscounted payments. The financial derivatives obligations are presented on a net basis for balances where it is appropriate to net the obligation position within a subsidiary for the respective period.

2024	Contractual cash flows	< 3 months	3-12 months	2026	2027	2028	2029	> 2029
Term loan / revolver	438,733	1,131	3,392	4,523	4,523	425,164	_	_
Cash interest on term loan	116,363	4,139	21,367	25,995	33,950	30,912	_	_
Municipal bond	307,200	_	_	_	_	_	_	307,200
Cash interest on municipal bond	384,000	2,560	12,800	15,360	15,360	15,360	15,360	307,200
Other loans and borrowings	134	133	1	_	_	_	_	
Financial derivatives	4,441	2,181	1,585	675	_	_	_	_
Lease payments	70,818	1,666	6,157	6,430	5,690	4,767	3,898	42,210
Trade and other payables	234,234	204,419	29,815		_	_	_	_
Bank acceptance notes	4,641	3,091	1,550	_	_	_	_	_
Short-term bank debt	10,435	4,411	6,024	_	_	_	_	_
Total	1,570,999	223,731	82,691	52,983	59,523	476,203	19,258	656,610

The table below summarizes the maturity profile of the Company's financial liabilities at December 31, 2023 based on contractual undiscounted payments.

2023	Contractual cash flows	< 3 months	3-12 months	2025	2026	2027	2028	> 2028
Term loan / revolver	343,000	875	2,625	3,500	3,500	3,500	329,000	_
Cash interest on term loan	97,050	4,286	13,169	17,135	17,508	23,387	21,565	_
Municipal bond	307,200	_	_	_	_	_	_	307,200
Cash interest on municipal bond	399,360	2,560	12,800	15,360	15,360	15,360	15,360	322,560
Other loans and borrowings	5,427	522	2,098	728	679	679	721	_
Cash interest on other loans and borrowings	671	126	379	164	2	_	_	_
Financial derivatives	2,855	949	1,484	308	114	_	_	_
Lease payments	74,360	1,667	5,639	5,069	5,084	4,901	4,277	47,723
Trade and other payables	259,339	207,859	51,480	_	_	_	_	_
Short-term bank debt	7,678	812	6,866	_	_	_	_	_
Total	1,496,940	219,656	96,540	42,264	42,247	47,827	370,923	677,483

The difference between the contractual cash flows and the carrying amount of the term loan noted above is attributable to issuance costs and an original issue discount in the amount of \$6,773 and \$5,598 as of December 31, 2024 and 2023, respectively, which are offset against the carrying amount of the debt.

The difference between the contractual cash flows and the carrying amount of the municipal bond noted above is attributable to issuance costs and a premium in the amount of \$11,547 as of December 31, 2024 (2023: \$11,802), which are included in the carrying amount of the debt.

The lease payments noted above include both principal and interest for the lease liabilities.

## Market risk

Market risk is the risk that the fair value of future cash flows of a financial instrument will fluctuate because of changes in market prices. Market prices comprise three types of risk: interest rate, foreign currency, and commodity price risk. Financial instruments affected by market risk include loans and borrowings, derivative financial instruments, trade and other receivables, trade and other payables, and bank acceptance notes.

The sensitivity analyses in the following sections relate to the positions as of December 31, 2024 and 2023.

The sensitivity analyses have been prepared on the basis that the amount of net debt, the ratio of fixed to floating interest rates of the debt and derivatives and the proportion of financial instruments in foreign currencies are all constant and on the basis of the hedge designations in place at December 31, 2024.

The analyses exclude the impact of movements in market variables on the carrying value of pension and other post-retirement obligations, provisions and on the non-financial assets and liabilities of foreign operations.

The following assumptions have been made in calculating the sensitivity analyses:

- The statement of financial position sensitivity relates to derivatives.
- The sensitivity of the relevant income statement item is the effect of the assumed changes in respective market risks.

This is based on the financial assets and financial liabilities held at December 31, 2024 and 2023, including the effect of hedge accounting.

#### Interest rate risk

Interest rate risk is the risk that changes in interest rates will affect the Company's income or the value of its holdings of financial instruments. The Company's fixed rate borrowings are exposed to a risk of change in their fair value due to changes in interest rates. The Company's floating rate borrowings are exposed to a risk of change in cash flows due to changes in interest rates. Short-term receivables and payables are not exposed to interest rate risk.

The Company's policy is to maintain at least 75% of its borrowings as fixed or capped rate borrowings. The Company either enters into fixed rate debt or strives to limit the variability of floating rate instruments through the use of interest rate swaps or caps. These are designed to hedge underlying debt obligations. At December 31, 2024 and 2023, after considering the effect of interest rate hedges, all of the Company's loans and borrowings are at a fixed or capped rate of interest.

The following table demonstrates the sensitivity to a reasonably possible change in interest rates adjusting for multiple interest rate caps and swaps effective as of December 31, 2024 and 2023, with all other variables held constant, of the Company's profit before tax (through the impact on floating rate borrowings).

2024	Increase/decrease in basis points	Effect on profit before tax	Effect on equity before tax
US dollar	+50	_	3,788
Brazilian real	+50	(4)	_
US dollar	-50	_	(3,788)
Brazilian real	-50	4	_

2023	Increase/decrease in basis points	Effect on profit before tax	Effect on equity before tax
US dollar	+50	_	4,118
Brazilian real	+50	(11)	_
US dollar	-50	_	(4,118)
Brazilian real	-50	11	_

See note 20 for loans and borrowings explanations.

At December 31, 2024, the Company's interest rate derivatives had a fair value of \$15,433 (2023: \$22,851). In November 2021, the Company entered into interest rate swaps with two financial institutions in connection with the execution of its new credit facility and unwound its prior interest rate caps. The original notional value of the swaps was \$450,000, and the notional decreases over the term of the contract to align with the outstanding balance on the Company's term loan B. The objective of the hedge is to eliminate the variability of cash flows in the interest payments associated with the 1-month SOFR benchmark interest rate of the term loan B. The contract swaps the variable 1-month SOFR rate to a fixed rate of 1.50% over the expected life of the term loan B. The Company's Credit Agreement and interest rate swap included a hardwired transition process from LIBOR to SOFR, as the successor benchmark reference rate as referenced in note 20. Mechanically the transition was executed as an amendment, but the original loan agreement contemplated this option, so the transition to SOFR does not represent a modification of the original agreements.

## Foreign currency risk

Foreign currency risk is the risk that changes in foreign exchange rates will affect the Company's income or the value of its holdings of financial instruments. Many of the Company's subsidiaries are located outside the US. Individual subsidiaries execute their operating activities in their respective functional currencies which are primarily comprised of the US dollar and euro. Since the financial reporting currency of the Company is the US dollar, the financial statements of those non-US dollar operating subsidiaries are translated so that the financial results can be presented in the Company's consolidated financial statements.

Each subsidiary conducting business with third parties that leads to future cash flows denominated in a currency other than its functional currency is exposed to the risk from changes in foreign exchange rates. It is the Company's policy to use forward currency contracts to minimize the currency exposures on net cash flows. For several subsidiaries, this includes managing balance sheet positions in addition to forecast and committed transactions. For these contracts, maturity dates are established at the end of each month matching the net cash flows expected for that month. Another subsidiary hedges all sales transactions in excess of a certain threshold. For this subsidiary, the contracts mature at the anticipated cash requirement date. Most forward exchange contracts mature within twelve months and are predominantly denominated in US dollars, euros, British pound sterling and Brazilian reais. When established, the forward currency contract must be in the same currency as the hedged item. It is the Company's policy to negotiate the terms of the hedge derivatives to closely match the terms of the hedged item to maximize hedge effectiveness. The Company seeks to mitigate this risk by hedging a range of 60% to 90% of transactions that occur in a currency other than the functional currency. The Company does not hedge its intergroup balance sheet exposures as well as long-term operating costs in Brazil.

The Company deems its primary currency exposures to be in US dollars and euros. The following table demonstrates the sensitivity to a reasonably possible change in the two primary functional currencies of the Company: US dollar and euro exchange rates with all other variables held constant, of the Company's profit before tax (due to changes in the fair value of monetary assets and liabilities) and the Company's equity (due to changes in the fair value of forward exchange contracts). Changes in sensitivity rates reflect various changes in the economy year-over-year.

2024	Strengthening/ weakening in functional rate	Effect on profit before tax	Effect on equity before tax
US dollar	+10%	1,865	231
Euro	+10%	485	(4,487)
US dollar	-10%	(1,865)	(231)
Euro	-10%	(485)	4,487

2023	Strengthening/ weakening in functional rate	Effect on profit before tax	Effect on equity before tax
US dollar	+10%	(6,311)	357
Euro	+10%	2,288	(1,988)
US dollar	-10%	6,311	(357)
Euro	-10%	(2,288)	1,988

## Commodity price risk

Commodity price risk is the risk that raw materials prices will increase and negatively impact the gross margins and operating results of the Company. The Company is exposed to volatility in the prices of raw materials used in some products and uses forward contracts to manage these exposures for exchange-traded metals when possible. For these exchange-traded metals, the Company aims to maintain a greater than 50% hedged position in order to avoid undue volatility in the sales prices and purchase costs attained in the normal course of business. Commodity forward contracts are generally settled within twelve months of the reporting date. However, most of the metals, alloys and chemicals that the Company processes and sells such as lithium, vanadium, chrome metal, tantalum, graphite, niobium, and antimony trioxide, cannot be hedged on an exchange or there is insufficient liquidity on the exchange. For these materials, the Company mitigates its price exposure by aligning raw materials purchases with sales orders and ensuring that it is managing working capital in a manner that minimizes commodity price exposure.

## Capital management

With regard to its capital structure the primary objective of the Company is to maintain strong capital ratios in order to support its business and maximize shareholder value.

The Company manages its capital structure and makes adjustments to it, in light of economic conditions. Its policy is to ensure that the debt levels are manageable to the Company and that they are not increasing at a level that is in excess of the increases that occur within equity. During the planning process, the expected cash flows of the Company are evaluated and the debt to equity and debt to total capital ratios are evaluated in order to ensure that levels are improving year-over-year. Debt to total capital is a more appropriate measure for the Company due to its initial equity values of the subsidiaries from the combination in 2007. Management deems total capital to include all debt (including short-term and long-term) as well as the total of the equity of the Company, including non-controlling interests.

	2024	2023
Loans and borrowings	753,396	661,831
Short-term bank debt	10,435	7,678
Less: cash and cash equivalents and restricted cash	295,777	346,759
Net debt	468,054	322,750
Total equity	550,151	606,003
Total capital	1,018,205	928,753
Debt to total capital ratio	46.0%	34.8%

## 29. Financial Instruments

#### Fair values

The carrying amounts presented in the financial statements approximate the fair values for all of the Company's financial instruments, other than as discussed below.

The fair value of the financial assets and liabilities are included at the price that would be received to sell the instrument in an orderly transaction in the principal (or most advantageous) market at the measurement date under current market conditions.

- Current assets and liabilities approximate their carrying amounts largely due to the short-term maturities of these instruments and as such are not included in the following tables.
- The calculation of fair value for derivative financial instruments depends on the type of instruments: Derivative interest rate
  contracts are estimated by discounting expected future cash flows using current market interest rates and yield curves over
  the remaining term of the instrument; Derivative currency and commodity contracts are based on quoted forward exchange
  rates and commodity prices, respectively.
- The Company's term loan B is a floating rate borrowing and is carried at amortized cost. The fair value of the term loan B was \$437,636 (2023: \$341,714) at December 31, 2024. The Company's municipal bonds are fixed rate borrowings and are carried at amortized cost. The fair value of those bonds was \$285,979 (2023: \$277,380) at December 31, 2024. The fair value of the term loan and municipal bonds is based on quoted prices for similar securities adjusted for the prevailing market-based yields and are deemed to be Level 2 inputs. The remainder of the Company's borrowings and notes receivable maintain a floating interest rate and approximate fair value. Fair value of the Company's floating rate loans and borrowings are estimated by discounting expected future cash flows using a discount rate that reflects the Company's borrowing rate at December 31, 2024.

- The consideration of non-performance risk did not significantly impact the fair values for fixed and floating rate loans and borrowings.
- Contingent consideration is calculated using a valuation model that considers the present value of the expected future payments, discounted using a risk-adjusted discount rate.

## Fair value hierarchy

The Company uses the following hierarchy for determining and disclosing the fair value of financial instruments by valuation technique:

Level 1: quoted (unadjusted) prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities

Level 2: other techniques for which all inputs which have a significant effect on the recorded fair value are observable, either directly or indirectly

Level 3: techniques which use inputs which have a significant effect on the recorded fair value that are not based on observable market data

As of December 31, 2024, the Company held the following financial instruments measured at fair value:

#### Assets measured at fair value

December 31, 2024	Total	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3
Non-current financial assets				
Restricted cash	493	493	_	_
Equity investments classified as FVOCI (note 11)	21,619	_	_	21,619
Other investments (note 11)	25,027	14,612	_	10,415
Forward contracts – hedged	60	_	60	_
Interest rate derivatives	15,461	_	15,461	_
Current financial assets				
Restricted cash	1,030	1,030	_	_
Forward contracts - hedged	4,447	_	4,447	_
Energy forward contracts	130	_	130	_

#### Liabilities measured at fair value

December 31, 2024	Total	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3
Non-current financial liabilities				
Forward contracts – hedged	660	_	660	_
Contingent consideration	4,093	_	_	4,093
Current financial liabilities				
Forward contracts - hedged	3,476	_	3,476	_
Interest rate derivatives	28	_	28	_
Energy forward contracts	277	_	277	_
Contingent consideration	4,366	_	_	4,366

As of December 31, 2023, the Company held the following financial instruments measured at fair value:

#### Assets measured at fair value

December 31, 2023	Total	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3
Non-current financial assets				
Restricted cash	387	387	_	_
Equity investments classified as FVOCI (note 11)	14,557	_	_	14,557
Other investments (note 11)	23,603	15,079	_	8,524
Forward contracts – hedged	54	_	54	_
Interest rate derivatives	22,793	_	22,793	_
Current financial assets				
Restricted cash	1,064	1,064	_	_
Forward contracts – hedged	3,321	_	3,321	_
Interest rate derivatives	63	_	63	_
Energy forward contracts	13	_	13	_

#### Liabilities measured at fair value

December 31, 2023	Total	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3
Non-current financial liabilities				
Forward contracts – hedged	26	_	26	
Interest rate derivatives	1	_	1	_
Contingent consideration	1,886	_	_	1,886
Current financial liabilities				
Forward contracts – hedged	1,495	_	1,495	_
Interest rate derivatives	4	_	4	_
Energy forward contracts	1,329	_	1,329	_

During the years ended December 31, 2024 and 2023, there were no transfers between Level 1, Level 2, and Level 3 fair value measurements.

The following table shows a reconciliation from the opening balances to the closing balances for Level 3 fair values.

	Equity Securities	Contingent Consideration
Balance at January 1, 2023	21,102	2,293
Additions	990	_
Change in fair value	989	(495)
Foreign currency adjustments	_	88
Balance at December 31, 2023	23,081	1,886
Additions	639	8,640
Change in fair value	8,314	(1,940)
Foreign currency adjustments	_	(127)
Balance at December 31, 2024	32,034	8,459

## Hedging activities

#### Interest rate hedges

The Company entered into interest rate swap contracts with two financial institutions in connection with the execution of its credit facility. The contracts have a notional value equivalent to the total balance of the term loan B. The contracts swap the variable interest payments on the term loan B to fixed payments of interest. The interest rate swaps were executed so that the Company could hedge its exposure to changes in the benchmark interest rate on the term loan B facility. The Company has matched the critical terms of the swaps to the term loan B and consequently has designated the interest rate swaps as effective cash flow hedges. The amount of gains related to the interest rate hedges included in equity was \$14,456 and \$21,273 at December 31, 2024 and 2023, respectively. The amount included in equity is anticipated to impact the income statement through November 2026, which is the term of the contracts. During the years ended December 31, 2024 and 2023, (\$13,484) and \$(12,682) was transferred from equity to the income statement as a decrease to finance costs. There was no ineffectiveness for contracts designated as cash flow hedges during the years ended December 31, 2024 and 2023, respectively.

The Company also continues to maintain derivative contracts with a financial institution to mitigate its exposure to changes in the benchmark interest rate on portions of its Brazilian subsidiary debt. The contracts include interest rate swaps and cross-currency interest rate swaps, which the Company has not designated for hedge accounting. All gains and losses are recognized in profit and loss. During the year ended December 31, 2024, nil (2023: \$550) of gains (losses) related to these outstanding interest rate derivatives were recorded to finance costs in the income statement.

#### **Commodity forward contracts**

The Company is exposed to volatility in the prices of raw materials used in some products and uses commodity forward contracts to manage these exposures. Such contracts generally mature within twelve months. Commodity forward contracts have been designated as cash flow hedges and contracts not designated as cash flow hedges are immediately recognized in cost of sales.

The open US dollar denominated forward contracts to purchase commodities contracts as of December 31, 2024 are as follows:

	Metric tons	Average price	Fair value assets	Fair value liabilities
Aluminum forwards	1,825	2,576	52	(64)

The open US dollar denominated forward contracts to purchase commodities contracts as of December 31, 2023 are as follows:

	Metric tons	Average price	Fair value assets	Fair value liabilities
Aluminum forwards	3,210	2,196	325	(172)

The amount from the commodity cash flow hedges included in equity was (\$21) and \$667 in the years ended December 31, 2024 and 2023, respectively. The amount included in equity is anticipated to impact the income statement over the next 12 months. During the years ended December 31, 2024 and 2023, (\$26) and \$217, respectively, were transferred from equity to the income statement as increases to cost of sales. There was no ineffectiveness for contracts designated as cash flow hedges during the years ended December 31, 2024 and 2023.

#### Foreign currency forward contracts

At any point in time, the Company also uses foreign exchange forward contracts to hedge a portion of its estimated foreign currency exposure in respect of forecasted sales and purchases. These contracts are negotiated to match the terms of the commitments and generally mature within two years. When necessary, these contracts are rolled over at maturity. Foreign exchange forward contracts that are not part of a hedge relationship are held at fair value with fair value changes recognized through profit or loss.

The open foreign exchange forward sales contracts as of December 31, 2024 are as follows:

Exposure	Notional amount	Contract rate	Fair value assets	Fair value liabilities
Cash Flow Hedges				
EUR (versus USD)	€13.6 million	0.94	303	(19)
USD (versus EUR)	\$63.8 million	1.10	_	(2,143)

The open foreign exchange forward sales contracts as of December 31, 2023 are as follows:

Exposure	Notional amount	Contract rate	Fair value assets	Fair value liabilities
Cash Flow Hedges				
EUR (versus USD)	€5.6 million	0.92	26	(155)
USD (versus EUR)	\$36.0 million	1.10	1,150	(555)

The open foreign exchange forward purchase contracts as of December 31, 2024 are as follows:

Exposure	Notional amount	Contract rate	Fair value assets	Fair value liabilities
Cash Flow Hedges				
USD (versus EUR)	\$108.3 million	1.096	3,861	(66)
EUR (versus USD)	€28.7 million	0.917	8	(1,361)
GBP (versus USD)	£27.5 million	1.272	1	(483)
CNY (versus EUR)	¥86.5 million	0.131	282	_

The open foreign exchange forward purchase contracts as of December 31, 2023 are as follows:

Exposure	Notional amount	Contract rate	Fair value assets	Fair value liabilities
Cash Flow Hedges				
USD (versus EUR)	\$39.8 million	1.089	124	(586)
EUR (versus USD)	€25.2 million	0.922	624	_
GBP (versus USD)	£24.9 million	1.256	496	(14)
CNY (versus USD)	¥65.2 million	0.129	630	(39)

The amounts from the foreign currency cash flow hedges included in equity were \$1,342 and \$259 in the years ended December 31, 2024 and 2023, respectively. The amount included in equity is anticipated to impact the income statement over the next two years. During the years ended December 31, 2024 and 2023, (\$2,187) and \$(1,530), respectively, were transferred from equity to the income statement as (decreases) increases to cost of sales and selling, general, and administrative expenses. There was nil (2023: nil) recognized in profit or loss during the year ended December 31, 2024 due to ineffectiveness.

#### **Energy forward contracts**

The Company is exposed to volatility in the prices of energy that it consumes as part of its operations. The Company enters into fixed price energy forward contracts to manage this exposure. In most cases, the Company enters into forward energy contracts with the expectation that the contract will result in the physical delivery of the underlying gas or electricity in accordance with the Company's operational usage requirements. As such, the energy forward contracts generally qualify for the scope exemption under IFRS 9 and are not recognized as financial instruments. However, for a German subsidiary, a portion of the contracts will be settled in cash rather than through physical delivery of the underlying energy and do not qualify under the scope exemption of IFRS 9 as a result. Consequently, these specific contracts are recorded as derivative instruments. These contracts generally mature within twelve months. The energy forward contracts have been designated as cash flow hedges.

The open energy forward contracts as of December 31, 2024 are as follows:

	Megawatt hours	Average price	Fair value assets	Fair value liabilities
Energy forward contracts	30,382	€77.86	130	(277)

The open energy forward contracts as of December 31, 2023 are as follows:

	Megawatt hours	Average price	Fair value assets	Fair value liabilities
Energy forward contracts	48,398	€91.91	13	(1,329)

#### 30. Leases

## Leases as lessee

The Company has entered into leases for office space, facilities and equipment. The leases generally provide that the Company pays the tax, insurance and maintenance expenses related to the leased assets. These leases have an average original term of 5-7 years with renewal terms at the option of the lessee and lease payments based on market prices at the time of renewal. There are no restrictions placed upon the lessee by entering into these leases.

Set out below are the carrying amounts of the Company's right-of-use assets, which are included in property, plant and equipment in the statement of financial position, and lease liabilities as well as the movements during the period:

	Right-of-use assets				
	Land, buildings and improvements	Machinery and equipment	Furniture and fixtures	Total	Lease liabilities
January 1, 2023	44,047	2,985	550	47,582	48,934
Additions	5,030	2,369	341	7,740	7,740
Retirements and transfers	_	33	(43)	(10)	(46)
Depreciation expense	(4,810)	(1,349)	(345)	(6,504)	_
Interest expense	_	_	_	_	1,821
Payments	_	_	_	_	(7,585)
Foreign currency translation	1,286	62	15	1,363	1,490
December 31, 2023	45,553	4,100	518	50,171	52,354
January 1, 2024	45,553	4,100	518	50,171	52,354
Additions	4,664	1,991	860	7,515	7,515
Retirements and transfers	252	(3)	_	249	205
Depreciation expense	(5,169)	(1,620)	(341)	(7,130)	_
Interest expense	_	_	_	_	2,041
Payments	_	_	_	_	(8,554)
Foreign currency translation	(2,106)	(99)	(332)	(2,537)	(2,769)
December 31, 2024	43,194	4,369	705	48,268	50,792

The Company recognized rent expense from short-term leases of \$1,529 (2023: \$839) and leases of low-value assets of \$282 (2023: \$255) for the year ended December 31, 2024.

## 31. Capital commitments

The Company's capital expenditures include projects to improve the Company's operations and productivity, replacement projects and ongoing environmental requirements (which are in addition to expenditures discussed in note 24). As of December 31, 2024, the Company had committed to capital requirements in the amount of \$22,969 (2023: \$30,847). These capital commitments related primarily to the expansion on the lithium concentrate plant in Brazil, the lithium hydroxide refinery in Bitterfeld, Germany and the vanadium electrolyte plant at AMG Titanium in Nuremberg, Germany.

## 32. Contingencies

#### Guarantees

The following table outlines the Company's off-balance sheet guarantees and letters of credit for the benefit of third parties as of December 31, 2024 and 2023:

2024	Guarantees	Letters of credit	Total
Total amounts committed:	167,324	53,230	220,554
Less than 1 year	53,719	53,230	106,949
2–5 years	111,361	_	111,361
After 5 years	2,244	_	2,244

2023	Guarantees	Letters of credit	Total
Total amounts committed:	160,620	36,893	197,513
Less than 1 year	87,829	36,893	124,722
2–5 years	71,373	_	71,373
After 5 years	1,418	_	1,418

In the normal course of business, the Company has provided indemnifications in various commercial agreements which may require payment by the Company for breach of contractual terms of the agreement. Counterparties to these agreements provide the Company with comparable indemnifications. The indemnification period generally covers, at maximum, the period of the applicable agreement plus the applicable limitations period under the law. The maximum potential amount of future payments that the Company would be required to make under these indemnification agreements is not reasonably quantifiable as some indemnifications are not subject to limitation. However, the Company enters into indemnification agreements only when an assessment of the business circumstances would indicate that the risk of loss is remote.

The Company has agreed to indemnify its current and former directors and officers to the extent permitted by law against any and all charges, costs, expenses, amounts paid in settlement and damages incurred by the directors and officers as a result of any lawsuit or any other judicial administrative or investigative proceeding in which the directors and officers are sued as a result of their service. These indemnification claims will be subject to any statutory or other legal limitation period. The nature of such indemnification prevents the Company from making a reasonable estimate of the maximum potential amount it could be required to pay to counterparties. The Company has \$100,000 in directors' and officers' liability insurance coverage.

#### **Environmental**

In 2006, SMC a US subsidiary of the Company entered into a fixed price remediation contract with an environmental consultant, whereby that consultant became primarily responsible for aspects of the environmental remediation. SMC is still a secondary obligor for this remediation, in the event that the consultant does not perform.

Certain of the Company's subsidiaries have other contingent liabilities related to environmental regulations at several locations. Environmental regulations in France require monitoring of wastewater and potential clean-up to be performed at one of the French subsidiary's plant sites in Chauny. Although the extent of these issues is not yet known, there is a possibility that remediation costs could be incurred.

As discussed in note 24, a German subsidiary of the Company has a sewer system liability, which is in the process of being resolved via a sewer replacement project. Based on the liability associated with the sewer, it is also believed that there may be a groundwater contamination issue. This German subsidiary has performed remediation feasibility trials but has not received a demand from the government with respect to any potential wider groundwater treatment and it has recorded no provision for this, but it is possible that some remediation will eventually be required. The Company believes that the maximum exposure related to this contamination is \$10,000.

#### **Taxation**

The Brazilian subsidiary has established provisions related to potential tax exposure matters such as: (i) income tax on previous years calculations; (ii) taxes over other revenues; (iii) federal and state VAT credits disallowances; (iv) mining royalties; (v) taxes over bonus; (vi) discussion about ancillary obligations. Not all of these matters are pending legal action, and some of these matters are maintained pending applicable statute of limitations. The accrued amounts include potential penalties and interest exposure and are based upon the input of the Company's advisors as to probability evaluation and payable nature to such matters. The amount accrued for all such matters was \$5,106 as of December 31, 2024.

## Litigation

The Company and its subsidiaries are party to various pending or threatened legal actions and other proceedings that arise in the ordinary course of our business, including matters arising under provisions relating to the protection of the environment. These types of matters could result in compensatory damages, cost reimbursements or contributions, penalties, non-monetary

sanctions, or other relief. We believe the probability is remote that the outcome of each of these matters will have a material adverse effect on the Company as a whole. We cannot predict the outcome of legal or other proceedings with certainty.

## 33. Related parties

## Transactions with key management personnel

#### Key management personnel compensation

The Company considers the members of the Management Board and the Supervisory Board to be the key management personnel as defined in IAS 24 Related parties. Refer to note 23 for further details.

For remuneration details of the Management Board and the Supervisory Board, see below.

The compensation of the Management Board of the Company comprised:

For the year ended December 31, 2024	Salaries and bonus	Share-based compensation	Post-employment benefits including contributions to defined contribution plans	Other remuneration <sup>2</sup>	Total
Heinz Schimmelbusch	2,699	1,935	308	259	5,201
Eric Jackson	1,772	724	256	788	3,540
Jackson Dunckel	1,450	569	455	55	2,529
Michael Connor <sup>1</sup>	886	181	33	14	1,114
Total	6,807	3,409	1,052	1,116	12,384

<sup>1)</sup> Michael Connor was elected to the Management Board on May 8, 2024.

<sup>2)</sup> Other remuneration includes car expenses and insurance paid for by the Company.

For the year ended December 31, 2023	Salaries and bonus	Share-based compensation	Post-employment benefits including contributions to defined contribution plans	Other remuneration <sup>1</sup>	Total
Heinz Schimmelbusch	3,096	1,875	1,231	809	7,011
Eric Jackson	1,996	717	2,437	76	5,226
Jackson Dunckel	1,608	552	2,310	92	4,562
Total	6,700	3,144	5,978	977	16,799

<sup>1)</sup> Other remuneration includes car expenses and insurance paid for by the Company.

Each member of the Management Board has an employment contract with the Company which provides for severance in the event of termination without cause. The maximum severance payout is limited to two years base salary and two years of target annual bonus.

The compensation of the Supervisory Board of the Company comprised:

For the year ended December 31, 2024	Cash remuneration	Share-based remuneration	Total compensation
Steve Hanke	110	65	175
Willem van Hassel	75	43	118
Herb Depp	80	38	118
Donatella Ceccarelli	80	38	118
Warmolt Prins	65	38	103
Anne Roby	80	38	118
Dagmar Bottenbruch	42	25	67
Total	532	285	817

For the year ended December 31, 2023	Cash remuneration	Share-based remuneration	Total compensation
Steve Hanke	110	64	174
Willem van Hassel	83	42	125
Herb Depp	80	37	117
Donatella Ceccarelli	80	37	117
Dagmar Bottenbruch	23	13	36
Anne Roby	52	25	77
Warmolt Prins	65	37	102
Total	493	255	748

Total Management Board and Supervisory Board Compensation for the year ended:	Cash remuneration	Share-based compensation	Post-employment benefits including contributions to defined contribution plans	Other remuneration <sup>1</sup>	Total
December 31, 2024	7,339	3,694	1,052	1,116	13,201
December 31, 2023	7,208	3,400	5,978	977	17,563

<sup>1)</sup> Other remuneration includes car expenses and insurance paid for by the Company.

## Entities with significant influence over the company

#### **Foundation**

In July 2010, the foundation "Stichting Continuiteit AMG" ("Foundation") was established following the resolution adopted at its Annual Meeting on May 12, 2010. The board of the Foundation consists of three members, all of whom are independent of AMG. The purpose of the Foundation is to safeguard the interests of the parent company, the enterprise connected therewith and all the parties having an interest therein and to exclude as much as possible influences which could threaten, amongst other things, the continuity, independence and identity of the parent company contrary to such interests.

By agreement on December 22, 2010, between the parent company and the Foundation, the Foundation has been granted a call option pursuant to which it may purchase a number of preference shares up to a maximum of the number of ordinary shares issued and outstanding with third parties at the time of exercise of the option. The agreement cannot be terminated by the Company as long as the Company has not cancelled, or repurchased preferences shares acquired by the Foundation.

The Company entered into a cost compensation agreement with the Foundation dated December 22, 2010. As per the agreement, the Company is required to provide funds to the Foundation for the costs incurred in connection with the fulfillment of the objectives of the Foundation. These costs include costs for establishing the Foundation, remuneration and out of pocket expenses for the members of the board of the Foundation, commitment fees, advisory fees and certain other costs. During the year ended December 31, 2024, the amounts paid by the Company to or on behalf of the Foundation were \$108 (2023: \$158).

## Parent Company Financial Statements

# AMG Critical Materials, N.V. — Parent Company Statement of Financial Position (after profit appropriation)

For the year ended December 31	Note	2024	2023
In thousands of US dollars			
Fixed assets			
Goodwill and other intangible assets	6	9,764	9,755
Tangible fixed assets	5	2,252	1,281
Financial fixed assets			
Investments in subsidiaries	7	692,594	478,543
Equity-accounted investees	7	4,058	3,703
Loans due from subsidiaries	7	107,657	260,290
Deposits and other assets		622	931
Derivative financial instruments	11	11,062	16,254
Other investments		656	_
Total financial fixed assets		816,649	759,721
Total fixed assets		828,665	770,757
Related party receivables	8	13,407	12,168
Prepayments and other assets		3,374	2,139
Cash and cash equivalents		6,612	23,807
Total current assets		23,393	38,114
Total assets		852,058	808,871

For the year ended December 31	Note	2024	2023
In thousands of US dollars			
Equity			
Issued capital	9	853	853
Share premium	9	553,715	553,715
Foreign currency translation reserve	9	(47,005)	(25,264)
Hedging reserve	9	15,652	19,463
Capitalized development expenditures reserve	9	1,480	1,121
Defined benefit obligation reserve	9	(50,315)	(53,069)
Fair value reserve	9	12,235	4,138
Cost of hedging reserve	9	(25)	1,342
Treasury shares	9	(9,084)	(10,593)
Retained earnings	9	28,575	70,077
Total equity attributable to shareholders of the Company		506,081	561,783
Long-term liabilities			
Long-term debt	10	303,945	238,502
Lease liabilities	12	1,425	635
Loans due to subsidiaries	7	31,158	_
Long-term liabilities		336,528	239,137
Short-term liabilities			
Current portion long-term debt	10	3,216	2,500
Lease liabilities	12	739	586
Amounts due to subsidiaries		1,126	343
Income tax payable	4	210	_
Other payables		4,158	4,522
Short-term liabilities		9,449	7,951
Total liabilities		345,977	247,088
Total equity and liabilities		852,058	808,871

The notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

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## AMG Critical Materials, N.V. — Parent Company Income Statement

For the year ended December 31	Note	2024	2023
In thousands of US dollars			
Continuing operations			
Revenue		_	_
Restructuring expense		(301)	(1,496)
Gross loss		(301)	(1,496)
General and administrative expenses		(34,688)	(33,775)
Other income	2	24,006	22,384
Net other operating income		24,006	22,384
Operating loss		(10,983)	(12,887)
Finance income	3	19,479	36,768
Finance cost	3	(29,511)	(30,046)
Net finance (cost) income		(10,032)	6,722
Share of loss of associates		(2,895)	(3,097)
Loss before income tax		(23,910)	(9,262)
Income tax expense	4	(210)	_
Loss after tax		(24,120)	(9,262)
(Loss) profit from subsidiaries		(9,231)	110,582
Net (loss) profit		(33,351)	101,320

The notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

# Notes to Parent Company Financial Statements

## 1. Summary of material accounting topics

For details of the Company and its principal activities, reference is made to the consolidated financial statements.

The parent company financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Part 9 of Book 2 of the Netherlands Civil Code, as generally accepted in the Netherlands. In accordance with the provisions of article 362-8 of Book 2 of the Netherlands Civil Code, the accounting policies used in the financial statements are the same as the accounting policies used in the notes to the consolidated financial statements, prepared under IFRS as endorsed by the European Union. Investments in subsidiaries are valued at their net equity value including allocated goodwill.

For a listing of all material operating entities in which the Company has an ownership interest, please refer to note 1 in the consolidated financial statements. The Company has filed a complete list of entities in which AMG has an ownership interest, with the Dutch Chamber of Commerce.

## Participating interests in group companies

Group companies are all entities in which the Company has direct or indirect control. The Company controls an entity when it is exposed, or has rights, to variable returns from its involvement with the group company and has the ability to affect those returns through its power over the group company. Group companies are recognized from the date on which control is obtained by the Company and derecognized from the date that control by the Company over the group company ceases. Participating interests in group companies are accounted for in the separate financial statements according to the equity method with the principles for the recognition and measurement of assets and liabilities and determination of results as set out in the notes to the consolidated financial statements.

Participating interests with a negative net asset value are valued at nil. This measurement also covers any receivables provided to the participating interests that are, in substance, an extension of the net investment. In particular, this relates to loans for which settlement is neither planned nor likely to occur in the foreseeable future. A share in the profits of the participating interest in subsequent years will only be recognized if and to the extent that the cumulative unrecognized share of loss has been absorbed. If the Company fully or partially guarantees the debts of the relevant participating interest, or if it has the constructive obligation to enable the participating interest to pay its debts (for its share therein), then a provision is recognized accordingly to the amount of the estimated payments by the Company on behalf of the participating interest.

## Share of result of participating interests

The share in the result of participating interests consists of the share of the Company in the result of these participating interests. Results on transactions involving the transfer of assets and liabilities between the Company and its participating interests and mutually between participating interests themselves, are eliminated to the extent that they can be considered as not realized.

The Company makes use of the option to eliminate intragroup expected credit losses against the book value of loans and receivables from the Company to participating interests, instead of elimination against the equity value / net asset value of the participating interests.

As of December 31, 2024, non-monetary assets and liabilities have been converted to USD using a conversion rate of EUR:USD of 1.0386 (2023: 1.1059).

## 2. Other income

Other income during the year ended December 31, 2024, includes income from management fees charged to subsidiaries of \$24,006 (2023: \$22,384). The services provided for these fees include general management services and other professional services.

## 3. Finance income and cost

Finance income during the year ended December 31, 2024, includes interest income from loans to subsidiaries of \$12,929 (2023: \$17,585) and interest income from bank deposits of \$10,460 (2023: \$12,196) and other items related to foreign exchanges loss (\$3,910) (2023: \$6,987 gain). See note 7 of the consolidated financial statements for additional details. Finance cost during the year ended December 31, 2024, includes interest expense on loans due to subsidiaries of \$302 (2023: 5,393), interest expense on external debt of \$29,136 (2023: \$24,590) and other items of \$73 (2023: \$63). See note 7 in the consolidated financial statements for additional details.

## 4. Income taxes

AMG Critical Materials N.V. is the head of the fiscal unity that exists for Dutch corporate income tax purposes. As such, the total deferred and current tax assets (liabilities) as well as tax expense (benefit) for all members of the fiscal unity are recorded on the books and records of AMG NV. In the income statement in 2024 and 2023, the Company reported an income tax expense of \$210 (2023: nil). The taxable loss to be carried forward is reduced by non-deductible expenses and tax-exempt income of \$10,274 and \$14,308 in 2024 and 2023 respectively, and is primarily related to taxable distributions from Brazil, non-deductible transaction costs, non-deductible share-based compensation expenses as well as stewardship expenses.

During the years ended December 31, 2024 and 2023, the income tax benefits related to the current year losses and other tax attributes of the fiscal unity were not recognized. In total, \$1,523 and \$1 were not recognized in 2024 and 2023, respectively, as it is not probable that these amounts will be realized.

Deferred tax assets are recognized to the extent it is probable that the temporary differences, unused tax losses and unused tax credits will be realized. The realization of deferred tax assets is reviewed each reporting period and includes the consideration of historical operating results, projected future taxable income and potential tax planning strategies. At December 31, 2024, net operating loss and tax credit carryforwards for which no deferred tax assets have been recognized in the balance sheet amount to \$133,267 (2023: \$130,063).

## 5. Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets of \$2,252 (2023: \$1,281) consists primarily of leasehold improvements, leases and office furniture and fixtures. See note 12 for additional details. These are carried at cost less accumulated depreciation and are depreciated over their anticipated useful life. The depreciation during the year ended December 31, 2024, was \$760 (2023: \$722). All tangible fixed assets are pledged as collateral under the AMG Credit Facility. Refer to note 9 of the consolidated financial statements for additional information.

## 6. Goodwill and other intangible assets

Goodwill and intangible assets of \$9,764 (2023: \$9,755) primarily related to the merger of Sudamin Holding SPRL of which \$9,702 and \$62 includes computer and software licenses. Intangible assets are carried at cost less accumulated amortization and are amortized over their anticipated useful life. The amortization during the year ended December 31, 2024 was \$24 (2023: \$33).

## 7. Financial fixed assets

## Investments in subsidiaries

The movement in subsidiaries was as follows:

	Investment in subsidiaries
Balance at January 1, 2023	506,399
Dividend to parent	(56,067)
Dividend to parent conversion loan	(95,862)
Investments in companies	16,000
Gain on sale of non-controlling interest	7,867
Profit for the period	110,582
Change in non-controlling interest	(12,361)
Changes in hedges and fair value hedges	(306)
Gain on FVOCI investments	2,397
Actuarial losses	(9,706)
Effect of movements in exchange rates	6,882
Equity-settled share-based payments	(3,744)
Movement of negative participation to loans	6,462
Balance at December 31, 2023	478,543
Balance at January 1, 2024	478,543
Dividend to parent	(10,000)
Parent loans contributed to subsidiary	212,953
Investments in companies	24,364
Loss for the period	(9,231)
Change in non-controlling interest	2,063
Changes in hedges and fair value hedges	15
Gain on FVOCI investments	8,097
Actuarial gains	2,754
Effect of movements in exchange rates	(21,741)
Equity-settled share-based payments	584
Movement of negative participation to loans	4,193
Balance at December 31, 2024	692,594

On August 14, 2024, one of our German subsidiaries declared and paid dividends to the Company in the amount of \$10,000.

On March 31, 2024, the net intercompany loans totaling \$212,953 between the Company, AMG Lithium GmbH and AMG Invest GmbH were consolidated and contributed to AMG Recycling B.V. with the Company's intention to make a contribution in kind on the shares in the form of:

- a) A loan receivable held on AMG Lithium GmbH in the aggregated amount of €141,737 (\$152,864);
- b) A second loan held on AMG Lithium GmbH in the amount of €51,505 (\$56,066)
- c) A loan receivable held on AMG Invest GmbH in the aggregated amount of €3,731 (\$4,023)

On September 30, 2024 the Company made a contribution to AMG Recycling B.V. in the amount of \$24,364 to fund our lithium hydroxide refinery expansion project in Bitterfeld, Germany.

On March 23, 2023, Zinnwald Lithium Plc ("Zinnwald") (ZNWD, AIM) issued 118,996,738 of newly issued ordinary shares to the Company for a total subscription amount of \$15,189 resulting in a 25.13% shareholding.

In order to streamline and consolidate intercompany lending within the Group, certain transactions were executed in 2023. In addition, in order to align ownership of the Brazil subsidiaries with AMG's re-segmentation, ownership within the AMG Lithium segment was consolidated.

In terms of intercompany lending transactions, a French subsidiary of the Company distributed its receivable with the cash pool leader (a Germany subsidiary), to the Parent in the amount of \$49,402. This transaction resulted in a newly created loan between the Company (Lender) and the German cash pool Leader in the amount of \$49,402. In addition, two United Kingdom subsidiaries distributed their cash pool receivables in the amounts of \$45,000 and \$4,000 to their direct parent, AMG Advanced Metallurgical Group Investment B.V. who further distributed those same amounts to the Company. This property distribution transaction resulted in additional loan amounts between the Parent (lender) and the cash pool leader (a Germany subsidiary) in the total amount of \$49,000. These transactions totaled \$98,402 as of December 31, 2023.

During 2023, our Brazilian subsidiary declared dividends to the Company and AMG Lithium B.V., a subsidiary of the Company, in the amount of \$101,213 of which \$82,257 were based on their ownership percentage of 65.13% and 34.87%, respectively and \$18,956 were based on the new ownership percentage of 99.99% to AMG Lithium BV. As a result, the Company recorded dividends of \$56,067 and received payments of \$82,559 which resulted in a receivable balance of nil. With the goal to better align the Brazilian activities within the Lithium segment, effective October 10, 2023, the Company contributed all but 1 share of its 65.13% ownership in the Brazil operations to is direct subsidiary, AMG Lithium B.V. totaling \$48,156. This transaction renders AMG Lithium B.V. the primary owner of the Brazilian operations, with a nominal ownership interest remaining with the Company. Additionally, the Company reimbursed its subsidiary company, AMG Lithium B.V. for dividends paid by Brazil to the Company on behalf of AMG Lithium B.V. This amount totaled \$76,042 which included \$2,540 of the remaining Brazil dividend included on investment in affiliates and was made available by means of an intercompany loan between AMG Lithium B.V. (Lender) and the Company (Borrower). The intercompany loans between the Company and AMG Lithium B.V. were further consolidated in a transaction whereby the cash pool leader (a German subsidiary), assigned its loan receivable from AMG Lithium B.V. against its loan payable to the Company. The set-off of these loans resulted in a net position of \$15,701 in outstanding loans between the Company (Lender) and AMG Lithium B.V. (Borrower).

The Company and the AMG Lithium B.V. entity have three equity accounted investments with a total carrying value of \$38,110 (2023: \$18,266). The Company's equity accounted investments relates to Shell and AMG Recycling B.V. totaling \$4,058 (2023: \$3,703) at the year ended December 31, 2024. AMG Lithium BV has two equity accounted investments related to Zinnwald totaling \$13,710 (2023: \$14,563) and Savannah totaling \$20,342 (2023: nil) at the year ended December 31, 2024. Please refer to note 12 in the consolidated financial statements for more information on equity- accounted investees.

## Changes in hedges and fair value hedges

This represents the effect of the Company's subsidiaries recording the changes in their equity from the effective portion of the cumulative net change in the fair value of cash flow hedging instruments related to hedged transactions that have not yet occurred.

#### Equity-settled share-based payments

Subsidiaries are locally recording the effect of share-based payments for their employees in their equity. The equity balance of the subsidiaries is comprised of the value of equity-settled share based payments provided to employees, including key management personnel, as part of their remuneration. The change in the Company's investment in subsidiary balance is equal to the change recognized in retained earnings at the subsidiaries.

## Loans due from subsidiaries

	Non-current loans due from subsidiaries	Current loan due from subsidiaries	Total
Balance at January 1, 2023	149,289	13,710	162,999
Loans	162,317	_	162,317
Repayments	(76,036)	(13,710)	(89,746)
Dividend to parent conversion loan	22,360	_	22,360
Interest conversion to loans	2,723	_	2,723
Currency translation adjustment	6,099	_	6,099
Movement of negative participation	(6,462)	_	(6,462)
Balance at December 31, 2023	260,290	_	260,290
Balance at January 1, 2024	260,290	_	260,290
Loans	126,273	_	126,273
Repayments	(62,888)	_	(62,888)
Loans contributed to subsidiary	(212,953)	_	(212,953)
Conversion of accounts payables to loan	5,354	_	5,354
Currency translation adjustment	(4,226)	_	(4,226)
Movement of negative participation	(4,193)	_	(4,193)
Balance at December 31, 2024	107,657	_	107,657

Loans due from subsidiaries				
	Interest rate	Maturity	2024	2023
Netherlands subsidiary	9.50 %	6/28/2029	68,659	15,701
US subsidiary	9.05 %	8/10/2027	29,290	38,520
Netherlands subsidiary	10.30 %	6/20/2029	20,363	_
German subsidiary	9.18 %	11/30/2027	_	130,042
German subsidiary	6.00 %	12/21/2028	_	49,000
German subsidiary	5.38 %	11/30/2026	_	33,489
Movement of negative participation prior years			(10,655)	(6,462)
Balance at December 31, 2024			107,657	260,290

During the year ended December 31, 2024, the non-current loans due to subsidiaries are USD denominated.

During the year ended December 31, 2023, two of the three German non-current loans are euro denominated by the amounts of €117,590 and €30,282 using a conversion rate of EUR:USD of 1.1059.

#### Loans due to subsidiaries

	Non-current loans due to subsidiaries	Current loan due to subsidiaries	Total
Balance at January 1, 2024	_	_	_
Loans	31,763	_	31,763
Currency translation adjustment	(605)	_	(605)
Balance at December 31, 2024	31,158	_	31,158

Loans due to subsidiaries						
	Interest rate	Maturity	2024	2023		
German subsidiary	8.84 %	12/18/2029	20,772			
German subsidiary	9.18 %	10/7/2025	10,386	_		
Balance at December 31, 2024			31,158	_		

During the year ended December 31, 2024, two of the German non-current loans due to subsidiaries are euro denominated by the amounts of €20,000 (2023: nil) and €10,000 (2023: nil) using a conversion rate of EUR:USD of 1.0386 (2023: 1.1059).

## 8. Related party receivables

Related party receivables of \$13,407 (2023: \$12,168) primarily represents management fees owed to the Company of \$5,168 (2023: \$7,290), interest owed on loans due from subsidiaries of \$6,051 (2023: \$4,120), and amounts owed by subsidiaries that represent expenses paid for by AMG and billed back to the subsidiaries of \$2,188 (2023: \$758).

# 9. Shareholders' equity and other capital reserves

	Equity attributable to shareholders of the parent					t
In thousands for US dollars	Issued capital	Share premium	Treasury shares	Other reserves	Retained (deficit) earnings	Total
Balance at January 1, 2023	853	553,715	(14,685)	(44,869)	(4,461)	490,553
Foreign currency translation	_	_	_	5,675	_	5,675
Change in fair value of equity investments classified as fair value through other comprehensive income	_	_	_	2,397	_	2,397
Loss on cash flow hedges, net of tax	_	_	_	(7,164)	_	(7,164)
Actuarial loss, net of tax	_	_	_	(8,499)	_	(8,499)
Net loss recognized through other comprehensive income	_	_	_	(7,591)	_	(7,591)
Profit for the year	_	_	_	_	101,320	101,320
Total comprehensive (loss) gain for the year	_	_	_	(7,591)	101,320	93,729
Purchase of common shares	_	_	(6,960)	_	_	(6,960)
Equity-settled share-based payments	_	_	_	_	5,799	5,799
Settlement of share-based payment awards	_	_	11,052	_	(10,684)	368
Transfer to retained earnings	_	_	_	191	(191)	_
Gain on sale of non-controlling interest	_	_	_	_	18,867	18,867
Change in non-controlling interests	_	_	_	_	(12,361)	(12,361)
Dividend	_	_	_	_	(28,212)	(28,212)
Balance at December 31, 2023	853	553,715	(10,593)	(52,269)	70,077	561,783
Balance at January 1, 2024	853	553,715	(10,593)	(52,269)	70,077	561,783
Foreign currency translation	_	_	_	(20,393)	_	(20,393)
Change in fair value of equity investments classified as fair value through other comprehensive income	_	_	_	8,097	_	8,097
Loss on cash flow hedges, net of tax	_	_	_	(5,178)	_	(5,178)
Actuarial gain, net of tax	_	_	_	1,406	_	1,406
Net loss recognized through other comprehensive income	_	_	_	(16,068)	_	(16,068)
Loss for the year	_	_	_	_	(33,351)	(33,351)
Total comprehensive loss for the year	_	_	_	(16,068)	(33,351)	(49,419)
Purchase of common shares	_	_	(686)	_	_	(686)
Equity-settled share-based payments	_	_	_	_	6,077	6,077
Settlement of share-based payment awards	_	_	2,195	_	(1,897)	298
Transfer to retained earnings	_	_	_	359	(359)	_
Change in non-controlling interests	_	_	_	_	2,063	2,063
Dividend	_	_	_	_	(14,035)	(14,035)
Balance at December 31, 2024	853	553,715	(9,084)	(67,978)	28,575	506,081

#### Other reserves

		Le	gal reserves				
	Foreign currency translation reserve	Hedging reserve	Cost of hedging reserve	Capitalized development expenditures reserve	Fair value reserve	Defined benefit obligation reserve	Total
Balance at January 1, 2023	(32,146)	27,235	734	930	1,741	(43,363)	(44,869)
Currency translation differences	6,882	_	_	_		(1,207)	5,675
Gain on FVOCI investments	_	_	_	_	2,397	_	2,397
Movement on cash flow hedges	_	(7,832)	758	_	_	_	(7,074)
Tax effect on net movement on cash flow hedges	_	60	(150)	_	_	_	(90)
Actuarial loss on defined benefit plans	_	_	_	_	_	(11,739)	(11,739)
Tax effect on net movement on defined benefit plans	_	_	_	_	_	3,240	3,240
Transfer to retained earnings	_	_	_	191	_	_	191
Balance at December 31, 2023	(25,264)	19,463	1,342	1,121	4,138	(53,069)	(52,269)
Balance at January 1, 2024	(25,264)	19,463	1,342	1,121	4,138	(53,069)	(52,269)
Currency translation differences	(21,741)	_	_	_	_	1,348	(20,393)
Gain on FVOCI investments	_	_	_	_	8,097	_	8,097
Movement on cash flow hedges	_	(3,632)	(1,758)	_	_	_	(5,390)
Tax effect on net movement on cash flow hedges	_	(179)	391	_	_	_	212
Actuarial gain on defined benefit plans	_	_	_	_	_	2,273	2,273
Tax effect on net movement on defined benefit plans	_	_	_	_	_	(867)	(867)
Transfer to retained earnings	_	_	_	359	_	_	359
Balance at December 31, 2024	(47,005)	15,652	(25)	1,480	12,235	(50,315)	(67,978)

#### Equity-settled share-based payments

The value of equity-settled share-based payments provided to employees, including key management personnel, as part of their remuneration is recognized in equity. The amount reserved for share-based payments is recorded within retained earnings.

#### Legal reserves

AMG is a company incorporated under Dutch law. In accordance with the Dutch Civil Code, legal reserves have to be established in certain circumstances. The legal reserves consisted of the cumulative translation adjustment reserve, the unrealized losses on derivatives reserve, the legal participation reserve, the investment reserve and the capitalized development expenditures reserve. Legal reserves are non-distributable to the Company's shareholders.

#### Dividends

Dividends of \$14,035 have been declared and paid during the year ended December 31, 2024. Dividends of \$28,212 have been declared and paid during the year ended December 31, 2023.

#### Appropriation of net profit

Pursuant to section 26 of the Articles of Association, the Management Board shall, subject to the approval of the Supervisory Board, be authorized to reserve the profits in whole or in part. The General Meeting is authorized to distribute and/or reserve any remaining part of the profits.

AMG's Supervisory Board continues to follow its previously adopted dividend policy. While AMG has cyclical elements in its product mix, the goal of the policy is to achieve a relatively consistent dividend pay-out. The policy allows for stable dividend pay-outs and targets gradual increases to historic dividend level, provided that such pay-outs and possible increases are supported by AMG's liquidity and cash flow generation, and is subject to prevailing statutory requirements. AMG intends to declare a dividend of €0.40 per ordinary share over the financial year 2024. The interim dividend of €0.20, paid on August 14, 2024, will be deducted from the amount to be distributed to shareholders. The proposed final dividend per ordinary share therefore amounts to €0.20.

#### Preference shares

In July 2010, the foundation "Stichting Continuiteit AMG" ("Foundation") was established following the resolution adopted at its Annual Meeting on May 12, 2010. The board of the Foundation consists of three members, all of whom are independent of AMG. The purpose of the Foundation is to safeguard the interests of the parent company, the enterprise connected therewith and all the parties having an interest therein and to exclude as much as possible influences which could threaten, amongst other things, the continuity, independence and identity of the parent company contrary to such interests.

By agreement on December 22, 2010, between the parent company and the Foundation, the Foundation has been granted a call option pursuant to which it may purchase a number of preference shares up to a maximum of the number of ordinary shares issued and outstanding with third parties at the time of exercise of the option. The agreement cannot be terminated by the Company as long as the Company has not cancelled, or repurchased preferences shares acquired by the Foundation.

### 10. Long-term debt

On November 30, 2021, the Company, Metallurg, Inc. and AMG Invest GmbH entered into a new \$350,000, 7-year senior secured term loan B facility ("term loan") and a \$200,000 5-year senior secured revolving credit facility ("revolver"). The Company directly borrowed \$250,000 of the \$350,000 term loan. On April 15, 2024, the Company, Metallurg, Inc. and AMG Invest GmbH entered into a new \$100,000 incremental term loan, structured as a fungible add-on to the existing \$350,000, 7-year senior secured term loan. The \$100,000 incremental term loan has the same pricing, terms and 2028 maturity as the existing \$350 million term loan. The Company directly borrowed \$70,000 of the \$100,000 new incremental term loan. As of December 31, 2024, the total carrying value of the term loan was \$307,161 (2023: \$241,002).

AMG Critical Materials N.V. is one of the borrowers under the revolving credit facility. Refer to note 20 in the consolidated financial statements for additional information relating to the long-term debt.

As of December 31, 2024, there was an asset of \$564 (2023: \$868) related to debt issuance costs incurred on the undrawn portion of the revolving credit facility.

To mitigate interest rate risk, the Company entered into interest rate swaps totaling \$320,000 in connection with the execution of the term loan and the new incremental term loan. This determination was made as part of the ongoing risk management process as these instruments mitigate the interest rate risk on the Company's credit facility. See note 29 in the consolidated financial statements for additional information on the interest rate hedging activities.

#### 11. Derivative financial instruments

Please refer to notes 28 and 29 in the consolidated financial statements for more information on financial instruments and risk management policies.

#### Interest rate hedges

The Company entered into interest rate swap contracts with two financial institutions in connection with the execution of its credit facility. The contracts have a notional value equivalent to the total balance of the term loan B. The contracts swap the variable interest payments on the term loan B to fixed payments of interest. The interest rate swaps were executed so that the Company could hedge its exposure to changes in the benchmark interest rate on the term loan B facility. The Company has matched the critical terms of the swaps to the term loan B and consequently has designated the interest rate swaps as effective cash flow hedges. The amount of gains related to the interest rate hedges included in equity was \$5,193 and \$6,858 in the years ended December 31, 2024 and 2023, respectively. The amount included in equity is anticipated to impact the income statement through November 2026, which is the term of the contracts. During the years ended December 31, 2024 and 2023, (\$9,628) and (\$9,059) was transferred from equity to the income statement as a decrease to finance costs. There was no ineffectiveness for contracts designated as cash flow hedges during the years ended December 31, 2024 and 2023, respectively.

At December 31, 2024, a balance of \$11,062 (2023: \$16,254) related to the interest rate swaps was recorded as a non-current derivative asset.

#### 12. Leases

The Company has entered into leases for office space in Amsterdam and Frankfurt. The Amsterdam lease term originally had a termination date of March 31, 2013, but it has since been extended through March 31, 2028. The Frankfurt lease term has an unlimited term but can be cancelled with six months' notice. See note 30 in the consolidated financial statements for additional information on leases.

Set out below are the carrying amounts of the Company's right-of-use assets, which are included in property plant and equipment in the statement of financial position, and lease liabilities as well as the movements during the year:

	Right-of-use assets						
	Land, buildings and improvements	Machinery and equipment	Furniture and fixtures	Total	Lease liabilities		
Balance at January 1, 2023	707	130	14	851	922		
Additions	828	102	6	936	936		
Retirements and transfers	_	4	_	4	4		
Depreciation expense	(593)	(75)	(22)	(690)	_		
Interest expense	_	_	_	_	63		
Payments	_	_	_	_	(704)		
Balance at December 31, 2023	942	161	(2)	1,101	1,221		
Balance at January 1, 2024	942	161	(2)	1,101	1,221		
Additions	1,511	82	93	1,686	1,686		
Retirements and transfers	_	_	_	_	_		
Depreciation expense	(607)	(79)	(30)	(716)	_		
Interest expense	_	_	_	_	73		
Payments	_	_	_	_	(816)		
Balance at December 31, 2024	1,846	164	61	2,071	2,164		

## 13. Related parties

Key management compensation data is disclosed in note 33 of the consolidated financial statements.

The Company entered into a cost compensation agreement with the Foundation dated December 22, 2010 (see note 9). As per the agreement, the Company is required to provide funds to the Foundation for the costs incurred in connection with the fulfillment of the objectives of the Foundation. These costs include costs for establishing the Foundation, remuneration and out-of-pocket expenses for the members of the board of the Foundation, commitment fees, advisory fees and other costs. During the year ended December 31, 2024, the Company funded \$108 (2023: \$158).

## 14. Employees benefits and number of employees

During the year ended December 31, 2024, the Company recorded wages and salaries of \$19,415 (2023: \$18,851), social security charges of \$725 (2023: \$934) and pension charges of \$962 (2023: \$746) related to the employees of the Company which is included in general and administrative expenses in the income statement. During the year ended December 31, 2024, the number of staff employed by the Company, converted into a full-time equivalents, amounted to 34 employees (2023: 29), of which 29 (2023: 26) were employed outside the Netherlands.

#### 15. Audit fees

KPMG has served as our independent auditor for the year ending December 31, 2024 and 2023. The following table sets out the aggregate fees for professional audit services and other services rendered by KPMG and their member firms and/or affiliates in 2024:

		2024			2023		
	KPMG Accountants N.V USD <sup>,</sup> 000	KPMG Network USD' 000	Total	KPMG Accountants N.V USD' 000	KPMG Network USD' 000	Total	
Group financial statements	915	1,594	2,509	852	1,550	2,402	
Audit of statutory financial statements	62	211	273	_	320	320	
Other assurance services <sup>1</sup>	875	1	876	299	47	346	
Other non-assurance services	_	6	6	_	26	26	
Total	1,852	1,812	3,664	1,151	1,943	3,094	

<sup>1)</sup> The other assurance services in 2024 by the amount of \$876 (2023: \$346) mainly relate to Sustainability assurance services and the audit of AMG Lithium's special purpose sub-group consolidated financial statements.

### Amsterdam, March 12, 2025

Management Board

AMG Critical Materials N.V.

Amsterdam, March 12, 2025

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Article 25 and 26 of the Articles of Association

- 25. Adoption of Annual Accounts
- 25.1 The annual accounts shall be adopted by the general meeting.

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- 25.2. Without prejudice to the provisions of article 23.2, the company shall ensure that the annual accounts, the annual reportand the additional information that should be made generally available together with the annual accounts pursuant to or in accordance with the law, are made generally available from the day of the convocation of the general meeting at which they are to be dealt with.
- 25.3. The annual accounts cannot be adopted if the general meeting has not been able to take notice of the auditor's report, unless a valid ground for the absence of the auditor's report is given under the other additional information referred to in article 25.2.
- 26.1. The management board shall, subject to the approval of the supervisory board, be authorized to reserve the profits wholly or partly.



# Independent auditor's report

To: the General Meeting of Shareholders and the Supervisory Board of AMG Critical Materials N.V.

#### Report on the audit of the financial statements 2024 included in the annual report

#### **Our opinion**

In our opinion:

- the accompanying consolidated financial statements give a true and fair view of the financial position of AMG Critical Materials N.V. (herein also referred to as "the Company", or "AMG") as at 31 December 2024 and of its result and its cash flows for the year then ended, in accordance with IFRS Accounting Standards as endorsed by the European Union (EU-IFRS) and with Part 9 of Book 2 of the Dutch Civil Code.
- the accompanying parent company financial statements give a true and fair view of the financial position of AMG as at 31 December 2024 and of its result for the year then ended in accordance with Part 9 of Book 2 of the Dutch Civil Code.

#### What we have audited

We have audited the financial statements 2024 of AMG Critical Materials N.V. based in Amsterdam. The financial statements include the consolidated financial statements and the parent company financial statements.

The consolidated financial statements comprise:

- 1 the consolidated statement of financial position as at 31 December 2024;
- 2 the following consolidated statements for the year 2024: the income statement, the statements of other comprehensive income, changes in equity and cash flows; and
- 3 the notes comprising material accounting policy information and other explanatory information.

The parent company financial statements comprise:

- 1 the parent company statement of financial position as at 31 December 2024;
- 2 the parent company income statement for the year 2024; and
- 3 the notes comprising a summary of the accounting policies and other explanatory information

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#### Basis for our opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with Dutch law, including the Dutch Standards on Auditing. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the 'Our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements' section of our report.

We are independent of AMG in accordance with the 'Verordening inzake de onafhankelijkheid van accountants bij assurance-opdrachten' (ViO, Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants, a regulation with respect to independence) and other relevant independence regulations in the Netherlands. Furthermore, we have complied with the 'Verordening gedrags- en beroepsregels accountants' (VGBA, Dutch Code of Ethics).

We designed our audit procedures in the context of our audit of the financial statements as a whole and in forming our opinion thereon. The information in respect of going concern, fraud and non-compliance with laws and regulations, climate risks and the key audit matters was addressed in this context, and we do not provide a separate opinion or conclusion on these matters.

We believe the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

#### Information in support of our opinion

#### Summary

#### **Materiality**

- Materiality of USD 9 million
- 3.7% of three years' average EBITDA

#### **Group audit**

- Performed substantive procedures for 88% of total assets
- Performed substantive procedures for 90% of revenue



# Risk of material misstatements related to Fraud, NOCLAR, Going concern and Climate risks

- Fraud risks: presumed risk of management override of controls and presumed risk of revenue recognition have been identified and further described in the section 'Audit response to the risk of fraud and non-compliance with laws and regulations'
- Non-compliance with laws and regulations (NOCLAR) risk: a fraud risk related to AMG's
  mining operations in Brazil and the sale of lithium concentrate by AMG Brazil to China
  has been identified and further described in the section 'Audit response to the risk of
  fraud and non-compliance with laws and regulations'
- Going concern risks: no risks of material misstatement with respect to the use of the going concern assumption identified and described in the section 'Audit response to going concern'
- Climate risks: We have considered the impact of climate-related risks on the financial statements and described our approach and observations in the section 'Audit response to climate-related risks'

#### **Key audit matters**

- · Revenue recognition for the sale of goods
- Revenue recognition for furnace construction contracts.

#### Materiality

Based on our professional judgement we determined the materiality for the financial statements as a whole at USD 9 million (2023: USD 10 million). The materiality is determined with reference to a three years' average EBITDA. We consider EBITDA as the most appropriate benchmark. We have also taken into account misstatements and/or possible misstatements that in our opinion are material for the users of the financial statements for qualitative reasons.

We agreed with the Audit Committee of the Supervisory Board that unadjusted misstatements identified during our audit in excess of USD 450 thousand would be reported to them, as well as smaller misstatements that in our view must be reported on qualitative grounds.

#### Scope of the group audit

AMG is at the head of a group of components (hereafter "Group"). The financial information of this Group is included in the financial statements of AMG.

This year, we applied the revised group auditing standard ("ISA 600 revised") in our audit of the financial statements. The revised standard emphasizes the role and responsibilities of the group auditor. The revised standard contains new requirements for the identification and classification of components, scoping, and the design and performance of audit procedures across the group. As a result, we determine coverage differently and comparisons to prior period coverage figures are not meaningful.



We performed risk assessment procedures throughout our audit to determine which of the Group's components are likely to include risks of material misstatement to the Group financial statements. To appropriately respond to those assessed risks, we planned and performed further audit procedures, either at component level or centrally. We identified 13 components associated with a risk of material misstatement. For 9 out of these 13 components we involved component auditors. We as group auditor audited the remaining components. We set component performance materiality levels considering the components' size and risk profile.

We have performed substantive procedures for 90% of Group revenue and 88% of Group total assets. At group level, we assessed the aggregation risk in the remaining financial information and concluded that there is less than reasonable possibility of a material misstatement.

In supervising and directing our component auditors, we:

- held risk assessment discussions with the component auditors to obtain their input to identify matters relevant to the group audit;
- issued group audit instructions to component auditors on the scope, nature and timing of their work, and received written communication about the results of the work they performed;
- held meetings with all component auditors in person and/or virtually to discuss relevant developments, understand and evaluate their work and attend closing meetings with component auditors together with representatives of both group and local management;
- (remotely) inspected the audit files prepared by component auditors of 7 significant components and evaluated the appropriateness of audit procedures performed and conclusions drawn from the audit evidence obtained, and the relation between communicated findings and work performed. In our inspection we mainly focused on key audit matters, significant risks and key judgement areas.

We consider that the scope of our group audit forms an appropriate basis for our audit opinion. Through performing the procedures mentioned above we obtained sufficient and appropriate audit evidence about the Group's financial information to provide an opinion on the financial statements as a whole.

#### Audit response to the risk of fraud and non-compliance with laws and regulations

In the chapter "Risk Management & Internal Controls" of the Annual Report, the Management Board describes its procedures in respect of the risk of fraud and non-compliance with laws and regulations and the Supervisory Board reflects on this in the chapter 'Report of the Supervisory Board'.

As part of our audit, we have gained insights into the Company and its business environment and the Company's risk management in relation to fraud and non-compliance. Our procedures included, among other things, assessing the Company's code of conduct, speak up and reporting policy, incidents register and its procedures to investigate indications of possible fraud and non-compliance. Furthermore, we performed relevant inquiries with the Management Board, those charged with governance and other relevant functions, such as Internal Audit, Legal Counsel and Chief Compliance Officer. We have also incorporated elements of unpredictability in our audit, such



as the selection of a non-scoped component for which we reconciled the latest audited statutory financial statements with the financial information included in the Group's consolidation, and involved forensic specialists in our audit procedures.

As a result from our risk assessment, we identified the following laws and regulations as those most likely to have a material effect on the financial statements in case of non-compliance:

- anti-bribery and corruption laws and regulations (due to AMG's global footprint, also in jurisdictions with increased perceived corruption risk);
- trade sanctions and export controls laws and regulations (as AMG is conducting business globally in many foreign jurisdictions);
- environmental regulations (mining and production sites are required to meet local environmental regulations as well as site restoration requirements);
- labor and human rights laws (reflecting the Company's significant and geographically diverse workforce).

Based on the above and on the auditing standards, we identified the following fraud and non-compliance risks that are relevant to our audit, including the relevant presumed risks laid down in the auditing standards, and responded as follows:

Management override of controls (a presumed risk)

#### Risk:

 Management is in a unique position to manipulate accounting records and prepare fraudulent financial statements by overriding controls that otherwise appear to be operating effectively.

#### **Responses:**

- we evaluated the design and the implementation of internal controls that mitigate fraud risk, such as the internal controls related to journal entries;
- we defined and tested high-risk journal entries based on our risk assessment procedures.
   We have instructed component audit teams to test at least journal entries for certain unexpected account combinations. Where we identified instances of unexpected journal entries or other risks through our data analytics, we performed additional audit procedures to address each identified risk, including testing of transactions back to source information;
- we verified the accuracy of material post-closing entries recorded in the general ledger and in the group consolidation;
- we instructed a component auditor to evaluate key estimates and judgments for provisions for income taxes due to increased complexity of local tax laws and regulations and for which we identified an elevated risk of material misstatement. The requested procedures included a retrospective review of prior year's estimates. We also requested the component auditor to assess the appropriateness of any changes in estimates compared with the prior year



regarding the methods applied and underlying data and assumptions used to prepare accounting estimates.

Revenue recognition (a presumed risk)

Our procedures to address the fraud risk related to revenue recognition are included in the key audit matter.

Non-compliance with law and regulations

#### Risk:

As disclosed in the paragraph "Legal and Regulatory Risk" within the chapter "Risk Management & Internal Controls", the Company operates globally, also in countries with a lower score on the Corruption Perceptions Index ("CPI"), and is required to comply with anti-bribery and corruption laws. Mining operations are perceived as a business with increased bribery and corruption risk. Based on our evaluation of fraud risk factors we identified a risk of fraud for AMG's mining operations in Brazil. This is a significant component within the Group. The main product which is mined and processed in Brazil, lithium concentrate, is primarily sold to Chinese customers. Both Brazil and China have a relatively low CPI rating.

Below responses include the work performed at the group level as well as the work performed at the component level based on our specific instructions to the component auditor.

#### **Responses:**

At the Group level:

- we obtained an understanding of the internal guidelines and procedures around bribery and corruption and how managements prevents events of non-compliance with applicable rules and regulations;
- we inquired management and the internal legal counsel to understand the process for monitoring the compliance and/or identifying non-compliance;
- we inspected minutes of the meetings of the Management Board and of the Supervisory Board;
- we increased our involvement in the work of the component auditor in Brazil, including an annual visit to the mine and meetings with both the local audit team as well as local management. We included a manager from KPMG Brazil in our group audit team to facilitate an in-depth review of the working papers of this component auditor.

#### At the component level:

 we requested the component auditor to inquire about the use of agents and consultants for attracting business or new clients. We also instructed the component auditor to evaluate the design and implementation of controls related to obtaining and maintaining critical mining licenses, working with local governments and making payments to local governments as



well as controls related to entering into significant sales contracts with Chinese customers for the sale of lithium concentrate.

- we requested the component auditor to perform the following substantive audit procedures:
  - on a sample basis inspect (re)new(ed) mining licenses obtained during the financial year and verify that license fees have been paid to the appropriate bank account and that license fees agree to the amounts published by the government;
  - test payments to governments based on underlying supporting evidence and assess the business rationale for such payments;
  - inspect contracts with agents and/or consultants, if applicable, and verify
     (re)new(ed) sales contracts for the sale of lithium concentrate to customers located
     in China. We requested the component auditor to assess unusual contract terms,
     such as upfront fees or other indications of pricing conditions not at arms' length and
     to verify that such contracts have been appropriately approved in accordance with
     AMG's policies;
  - screen journal entries for specific wording indicating a potential fraud or bribe and screen journal entries for names of governmental agencies and organizations which have been identified as part of the above testing procedures and based on the understanding of the business.

Our evaluation of procedures performed related to fraud and non-compliance with laws and regulations did not result in a key audit matter.

We communicated our risk assessment, audit responses and results to management and the Audit Committee of the Supervisory Board.

Our audit procedures did not reveal indications and/or reasonable suspicion of fraud and non-compliance that are considered material for our audit.

#### Audit response to going concern

The Management Board has performed its going concern assessment and has not identified any going concern risks. Our main procedures to assess the Management's Board's assessment were:

- we considered whether the Management Board's assessment of the going concern risks includes all relevant information of which we are aware as a result of our audit;
- we analyzed the company's financial position as at year-end and compared it to the previous financial year in terms of indicators that could identify going concern risks;
- we inquired with the Management Board on the key assumptions and principles, including key market developments, such as commodity price developments for AMG's key products as well as energy prices, underlying the Management Board's assessment of the going concern risks;
- we inspected the financing agreement in terms of conditions that could lead to going concern risks, including the term of the agreement and any covenants;



 we analysed whether the headroom of the ratios included in the financing agreement is sufficient or gives rise to the risk of the covenants in the financing agreement being breached.

The outcome of our risk assessment procedures did not give reason to perform additional audit procedures on management's going concern assessment.

#### Audit response to climate-related risks

The Company has explained its strategy and the impact of climate change thereon in sub section 'SBM 1 - Strategy, business model and value chain' in the 2024 Sustainability Statement (further referred to as "sustainability statements") included in the annual report.

Against the background of the Company's business and operations, management has assessed in detail how climate-related risks and opportunities and the Company's own commitments could have a significant impact on its business or could impose the need to adapt its strategy and operations. Management has considered the impact of both transition and physical risks on the financial statements in accordance with the applicable financial reporting framework. In section 'E1 – Climate Change' of the sustainability statements, further elaboration is provided on physical risk and transition risk.

Management prepared the financial statements, including considering whether the implications from material climate-related risks and commitments, and the current financial effects relating to sustainability matters as disclosed in the sustainability statements, have been appropriately accounted for and disclosed. In sub section 'SBM 3 - Material impacts, risks and opportunities and their interaction with strategy and business model' of the General information of the sustainability statements, it is stated that the current financial effects of the material risks and opportunities on the financial position, financial performance and cash flows are not material. Furthermore, the Company has disclosed that no material risks and opportunities have been identified for which there is a significant risk of a material adjustment within the next annual reporting period to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities reported in the related financial statements.

As part of our audit we performed a risk assessment of the impact of climate-related risk and the commitments made by the Company in respect of climate change on the financial statements and our audit approach. In doing this we performed the following:

- understanding management's processes of assessing climate-related risks and opportunities based on inquiries with the Management Board and the Company's in-house sustainability experts;
- discussing climate risk and related topics with AMG's Safety, Sustainability and Science Committee;
- inspecting and discussing management's internal documentation of the assessment of physical risk and transitional risk, including inspecting a transition climate risk analysis report that was prepared by a third party under the responsibility of management;
- evaluating climate-related fraud risk factors, such as for climate-related targets that may cause pressure coming from external stakeholders or from internal factors as certain ratios



are included in management compensation plans. We have assessed whether this results in a risk of material misstatement of the financial statements due to fraud.

The Company has disclosed that it has prepared its sustainability statements in accordance with the European Sustainability Reporting Standards (ESRS). We have read, and considered as part of our risk assessment, these sustainability statements, which includes information over material sustainability matters relating to material impacts, risks and opportunities regarding climate change. As part of this, we have read and considered the information reported over the connectivity of the sustainability statements with the financial statements, more specifically regarding the current financial effects relating to sustainability matters.

Based on the procedures performed above we have not identified any risks of material misstatement on the current financial statements with respect to climate change.

Furthermore we have read the 'Other information', including the information over material sustainability matters relating to material impacts, risks and opportunities relating to climate change with respect to climate-related risks as included in the annual report and considered whether such information contains material inconsistencies with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained through the audit, in particular as described above and our knowledge obtained otherwise.

#### Our key audit matters

Key audit matters are those matters that, in our professional judgement, were of most significance in our audit of the financial statements. We have communicated below key audit matters to the Supervisory Board. The key audit matters are not a comprehensive reflection of all matters discussed.



#### Revenue recognition for the sale of goods

#### **Description**

As disclosed in note 3.3.a of the financial statements, revenue for sales of goods is recognized at the amount of consideration to which the Company expects to be entitled when the performance obligation is satisfied. The assessment at what point in time the performance obligation has been satisfied requires consideration of incoterms and delivery time. Revenue recognition is significant to our audit and contains a risk of fraud in respect of cut-off at year-end (existence of revenues).

Revenue from the sale of goods is fully audited by component auditors based on our instructions.

#### **Our response**

Our audit procedures responsive to the identified fraud risk for revenue cut-off included, amongst others:

- assessing the revenue recognition method, including assessment of the relevant cut-off period;
- obtaining an understanding over significant customer contracts, understanding at which point
  in time the performance obligation is satisfied and assessing other relevant contract
  conditions for significant sales contracts, to verify that revenue is appropriately recognized in
  accordance with the contract and IFRS 15;
- evaluating the design and implementation of the controls set up by management mitigating the risk of inappropriate revenue cut-off;
- performing test of detail audit procedures for a selection of transactions within the relevant cut-off period. For the selected items we inspected various documents, which may include underlying sales contracts, sales orders, shipping documents and sales invoices to determine the revenue for selected items was recognized in the appropriate accounting period;
- performing test of detail in case of material credit notes issued in the subsequent financial year. For the selected items we inspected the credit note and the original sales invoice and journal entries for the original invoice and proof of delivery and verified the appropriate accounting treatment for selected items;
- assessing the adequacy of the disclosures related to revenue in the notes to the financial statements.

#### Our observation

Based on our procedures performed for revenue recognition we conclude that revenue recognized at a point in time is recorded in the appropriate accounting period and disclosed in accordance with EU-IFRS.



#### Revenue recognition for furnace construction contracts

#### **Description**

As disclosed in note 3.3.b of the financial statements, revenue related to furnace construction contracts is recorded over time based on the progress made towards complete satisfaction of the contract as determined by the Management Board. Revenue is recognized based on the progress made over time towards complete satisfaction of the project, based on work performed in-house and by suppliers. Revenue recognition is significant to our audit and contains a risk of fraud in respect of the appropriate revenue recognition (determination of progress and expected project margin) at year-end (existence of project revenues recognized in the financial year). This risk is concentrated at one of the components and we instructed the component auditor to perform the audit procedures described below.

#### Our response

Our audit procedures responsive to the identified fraud risk for revenue recognition for furnace construction contracts included, amongst others:

- assessing the revenue recognition method, including the relevant cut-off period;
- gaining an understanding over significant sales contracts, understanding the performance obligations and how performance obligations are satisfied over time.
- evaluating the design and implementation of internal controls set up by the Management Board including controls with respect to determining the progress and the expected project margin;
- testing on a sample basis of the information included in the project administration with underlying source documentation, such as expected project revenues and actual project expenses, for example by requesting third party confirmations for certain significant cost items that have been outsourced to suppliers;
- recalculating the progress for selected projects at the balance sheet date;
- performing test of details over selected construction contracts, including interviews with financial and technical project managers and inspection of the underlying project administration and project forecasts;
- assessing the adequacy of the disclosures related to revenue in the notes to the financial statements.

#### Our observation

Based on our procedures performed for revenue recognition we conclude that revenue related to furnace construction contracts is recorded in accordance with the progress of the contract and the recognized margin is considered reasonable, and the related revenue disclosure is prepared in accordance with EU-IFRS.



#### Report on the other information included in the annual report

In addition to the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon, the annual report contains other information.

Based on the following procedures performed, we conclude that the other information:

- is consistent with the financial statements and does not contain material misstatements; and
- contains the information as required by Part 9 of Book 2 of the Dutch Civil Code for the management report and other information.

We have read the other information. Based on our knowledge and understanding obtained through our audit of the financial statements or otherwise, we have considered whether the other information contains material misstatements.

By performing these procedures, we comply with the requirements of Part 9 of Book 2 of the Dutch Civil Code and the Dutch Standard 720. The scope of the procedures performed is less than the scope of those performed in our audit of the financial statements.

The Management Board is responsible for the preparation of the other information, including the information as required by Part 9 of Book 2 of the Dutch Civil Code.

#### Report on other legal and regulatory requirements and ESEF

#### **Engagement**

We were initially appointed by the General Meeting of Shareholders as auditor of AMG on 4 May 2016, as of the audit for the year 2016 and have operated as statutory auditor ever since that financial year. Due to auditor independence regulations applicable in the Netherlands, we will not be allowed to continue to serve as AMG's statutory auditor after completion of the audit of the financial year 2025.

#### No prohibited non-audit services

We have not provided prohibited non-audit services as referred to in Article 5(1) of the EU Regulation on specific requirements regarding statutory audits of public-interest entities.

#### European Single Electronic Format (ESEF)

AMG has prepared its annual report in ESEF. The requirements for this are set out in the Delegated Regulation (EU) 2019/815 with regard to regulatory technical standards on the specification of a single electronic reporting format (hereinafter: the RTS on ESEF).

In our opinion the annual report prepared in XHTML format, including the (partly) marked-up consolidated financial statements as included in the reporting package by AMG, complies in all material respects with the RTS on ESEF.



The Management Board is responsible for preparing the annual report including the financial statements in accordance with the RTS on ESEF, whereby the Management Board combines the various components into one single reporting package.

Our responsibility is to obtain reasonable assurance for our opinion whether the annual report in this reporting package complies with the RTS on ESEF. We performed our examination in accordance with Dutch law, including Dutch Standard 3950N 'Assurance-opdrachten inzake het voldoen aan de criteria voor het opstellen van een digitaal verantwoordingsdocument' (assurance engagements relating to compliance with criteria for digital reporting). Our examination included among others:

- Obtaining an understanding of the entity's financial reporting process, including the preparation of the reporting package;
- Identifying and assessing the risks that the annual report does not comply in all material respects with the RTS on ESEF and designing and performing further assurance procedures responsive to those risks to provide a basis for our opinion, including:
  - obtaining the reporting package and performing validations to determine whether the reporting package containing the Inline XBRL instance document and the XBRL extension taxonomy files have been prepared in accordance with the technical specifications as included in the RTS on ESEF;
  - examining the information related to the consolidated financial statements in the reporting package to determine whether all required mark-ups have been applied and whether these are in accordance with the RTS on ESEF.

#### **Description of responsibilities regarding the financial statements**

# Responsibilities of the Management Board and the Supervisory Board for the financial statements

The Management Board is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with EU-IFRS and Part 9 of Book 2 of the Dutch Civil Code. Furthermore, the Management Board is responsible for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of the financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error. In that respect the Management Board, under supervision of the Supervisory Board, is responsible for the prevention and detection of fraud and non-compliance with laws and regulations, including determining measures to resolve the consequences of it and to prevent recurrence.

As part of the preparation of the financial statements, the Management Board is responsible for assessing the Company's ability to continue as a going concern. Based on the financial reporting frameworks mentioned, the Management Board should prepare the financial statements using the going concern basis of accounting unless the Management Board either intends to liquidate the Company or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.



The Management Board should disclose events and circumstances that may cast significant doubt on the company's ability to continue as a going concern in the financial statements.

The Supervisory Board is responsible for overseeing the Company's financial reporting process.

#### Our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

Our objective is to plan and perform the audit engagement in a manner that allows us to obtain sufficient and appropriate audit evidence for our opinion.

Our audit has been performed with a high, but not absolute, level of assurance, which means we may not detect all material errors and fraud during our audit.

Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements. The materiality affects the nature, timing and extent of our audit procedures and the evaluation of the effect of identified misstatements on our opinion.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is included in the appendix of this auditor's report. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

Amstelveen, 12 March 2025 KPMG Accountants N.V.

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Appendix:

Description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements



#### **Appendix**

#### Description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

We have exercised professional judgement and have maintained professional scepticism throughout the audit, in accordance with Dutch Standards on Auditing, ethical requirements and independence requirements. Our audit included among others:

- identifying and assessing the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, designing and performing audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtaining audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than the risk resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control;
- obtaining an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit
  procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing
  an opinion on the effectiveness of the Company's internal control;
- evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the Management Board;
- concluding on the appropriateness of Management Board's use of the going concern basis of accounting, and based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on AMG's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause a company to cease to continue as a going concern;
- evaluating the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures; and
- evaluating whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

We are responsible for planning and performing the group audit to obtain sufficient appropriate audit evidence regarding the financial information of the entities or business activities within the Group as a basis for forming an opinion on the financial statements. We are also responsible for the direction, supervision and review of the audit work performed for purposes of the group audit. We bear the full responsibility for the auditor's report.

We communicate with the Supervisory Board regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant findings in internal control that we identify during our audit. In this respect we also submit an additional report to the audit committee in accordance with Article 11 of the EU Regulation on specific requirements



regarding statutory audits of public-interest entities. The information included in this additional report is consistent with our audit opinion in this auditor's report.

We provide the Supervisory Board with a statement that we have complied with relevant ethical requirements regarding independence, and to communicate with them all relationships and other matters that may reasonably be thought to bear on our independence, and where applicable, related safeguards.

From the matters communicated with the Supervisory Board we determine the key audit matters: those matters that were of most significance in the audit of the financial statements. We describe these matters in our auditor's report unless law or regulation precludes public disclosure about the matter or when, in extremely rare circumstances, not communicating the matter is in the public interest.

To: The Board of Management of AMG Critical Materials N.V.

#### Our conclusion

We have performed a limited assurance engagement on the 2024 Sustainability Statement of AMG Critical Materials N.V. based in Amsterdam, The Netherlands (hereinafter: the Company) in sections 'General Information', 'Environmental Information', 'Social Information', 'Governance Information', and 'Annex Sustainability Statement' on pages 61-119 of the accompanying Annual Report 2024, including the information incorporated in the sustainability statements by reference (hereinafter: the sustainability statements).

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Based on the procedures performed and the assurance evidence obtained, nothing has come to our attention that causes us to believe that the sustainability statements are not, in all material respects:

- prepared in accordance with the European Sustainability Reporting Standards (ESRS) as adopted by the European Commission and in accordance with the double materiality assessment process carried out by the Company to identify the information reported pursuant to the ESRS; and
- compliant with the reporting requirements provided for in Article 8 of Regulation (EU) 2020/852 (Taxonomy Regulation).

#### Basis for our conclusion

We performed our limited assurance engagement on the sustainability information in accordance with Dutch law, including Dutch Standard 3810N 'Assurance-opdrachten inzake duurzaamheidsverslaggeving' (Assurance engagements relating to sustainability reporting) which is a specified Dutch standard that is based on the International Standard on Assurance Engagements (ISAE) 3000 (Revised) 'Assurance engagements other than audits or reviews of historical financial information'. Our responsibilities under this standard are further described in the section 'Our responsibilities for the assurance engagement on the sustainability statement' section of our report.

We are independent of the Company in accordance with the 'Verordening inzake de onafhankelijkheid van accountants bij assurance-opdrachten' (ViO, Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants, a regulation with respect to independence). Furthermore, we have complied with the 'Verordening gedrags- en beroepsregels accountants' (VGBA, Dutch Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants).

We believe the assurance evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our conclusion.

#### Emphasis of matter

We draw attention to the section 'Basis for preparation' as included in the chapter 'BP-1 — General basis for preparation of the sustainability statement' of the sustainability statements. This section sets out that the sustainability statements have been prepared in a context of new sustainability reporting standards requiring entity-specific and temporary interpretations.

This paragraph outlines that certain quantitative metrics and monetary amounts are subject to a high level of measurement uncertainty and discloses information about the sources of measurement uncertainty and the assumptions, approximations and judgements the Company has made in measuring these in compliance with the ESRS.

The comparability of sustainability information between entities and over time may be affected by the lack of historical information in accordance with the ESRS. This allows for the application of different, but acceptable, measurement techniques, especially in the initial years.

This chapter also explains the ongoing due diligence and double materiality assessment process, including robust engagement with affected stakeholders. Due diligence is an on-going practice that responds to and may trigger changes in the Company's strategy, business model, activities, business relationships, operating, sourcing and selling contexts. The sustainability statements may not include every impact, risk and opportunity or additional entity-specific disclosure that each individual stakeholder may consider important.

Our conclusion is not modified with respect to this matter.

#### Limitations to the scope of our assurance engagement

In reporting forward-looking information in accordance with the ESRS, the Board of Management of the Company is required to prepare the forward-looking information on the basis of disclosed assumptions about events that may occur in the future and possible future actions by the Company. The actual outcome is likely to be different since anticipated events frequently do not occur as expected. Forward-looking information relates to events and actions that have not yet occurred and may never occur. We do not provide assurance on the achievability of this forward-looking information.

The references to external sources or websites in the sustainability information are not part of the sustainability information as included in the scope of our assurance engagement. We therefore do not provide assurance on this information.

Our conclusion is not modified in respect to these matters.

# Responsibilities of the Board of Management and Supervisory Board for the sustainability statements

The Board of Management is responsible for the preparation of the sustainability statements in accordance with the ESRS, including the double materiality assessment process carried out by the Company as the basis for the sustainability statements and disclosure of material impacts, risks and opportunities in accordance with the ESRS. As part of the preparation of the sustainability statements, management is responsible for compliance with the reporting requirements provided for in Article 8 of Regulation (EU) 2020/852 (Taxonomy Regulation). The Board of Management is also responsible for selecting and applying additional entity-specific disclosures to enable users to understand the Company's sustainability-related impacts, risks or opportunities and for determining that these additional entity-specific disclosures are suitable in the circumstances and in accordance with the ESRS.

Furthermore, the Board of Management is responsible for such internal control as it determines is necessary to enable the preparation of the sustainability statements that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

The Supervisory Board is responsible for overseeing the sustainability reporting process including the double materiality assessment process carried out by the Company.

#### Our responsibilities for the assurance engagement on the sustainability statements

Our responsibility is to plan and perform the assurance engagement in a manner that allows us to obtain sufficient and appropriate assurance evidence for our conclusion.

Our assurance engagement is aimed at obtaining a limited level of assurance to determine the plausibility of sustainability information. The procedures vary in nature and timing from, and are less in extent, than for a reasonable assurance engagement. The level of assurance obtained in a limited assurance engagement is therefore substantially less than the assurance that is obtained when a reasonable assurance engagement is performed.

We apply the quality management requirements pursuant to the Nadere voorschriften kwaliteitsmanagement (NV KM, regulations for quality management) and accordingly maintain a comprehensive system of quality management including documented policies and procedures regarding compliance with ethical requirements, professional standards and applicable legal and regulatory requirements.

Our limited assurance engagement included among others:

- Performing inquiries and an analysis of the external environment and obtaining an understanding of relevant sustainability themes and issues, the characteristics of the Company, its activities and the value chain and its key intangible resources in order to assess the double materiality assessment process carried out by the Company as the basis for the sustainability statements and disclosure of all material sustainability-related impacts. risks and opportunities in accordance with the ESRS.
- Obtaining through inquiries a general understanding of the internal control environment, the Company's processes for gathering and reporting entity-related and value chain information, the information systems and the Company's risk assessment process relevant to the preparation of the sustainability statements and for identifying the Company's activities, determining eligible and aligned economic activities and prepare the disclosures provided for in Article 8 of Regulation (EU) 2020/852 (Taxonomy Regulation), without obtaining assurance evidence about the implementation, or testing the operating effectiveness, of controls.
- Assessing the double materiality assessment process carried out by the Company and identifying and assessing areas of the sustainability statements, including the disclosures provided for in Article 8 of Regulation (EU) 2020/852 (Taxonomy Regulation) where misleading or unbalanced information or material misstatements, whether due to fraud or error, are likely to arise ('selected disclosures'). We designed and performed further assurance procedures aimed at assessing that the sustainability statements are free from material misstatements responsive to this risk analysis.
- Considering whether the description of the double materiality assessment process in the sustainability statements made by the Board of Management appears consistent with the process carried out by the Company.
- Performing analytical review procedures on quantitative information in the sustainability statements, including consideration of data and trends in the information submitted for consolidation at corporate level.
- Determining the nature and extent of the review procedures for the group components and locations. For this, we considered the nature, extent, risk profile, as well as a rotation

schedule to select the components and locations to visit, and selected three sites. These visits are aimed at, on a local level, performing process understandings, validating source data and evaluating the design and implementation of internal controls and validation procedures;

- Assessing whether the Company's methods for developing estimates are appropriate and have been consistently applied for selected disclosures. We considered data and trends, however, our procedures did not include testing the data on which the estimates are based or separately developing our own estimates against which to evaluate management's estimates.
- Analysing, on a limited sample basis, relevant internal and external documentation available to the Company (including publicly available information or information from actors throughout its value chain) for selected disclosures;
- Reading the other information in the annual report to identify material inconsistencies, if any, with the sustainability statements;
- Considering whether:
  - the disclosures provided to address the reporting requirements provided for in Article 8 of Regulation (EU) 2020/852 (Taxonomy Regulation) for each of the environmental objectives, reconcile with the underlying records of the Company and are consistent or coherent with the sustainability statements;
  - the disclosures provided to address the reporting requirements provided for in Article 8 of Regulation (EU) 2020/852 (Taxonomy Regulation) appear reasonable, in particular whether the eligible economic activities meet the cumulative conditions to qualify as aligned and whether the technical screening criteria are met; and
  - the key performance indicators disclosures have been defined and calculated in accordance with the Taxonomy reference framework as defined in Appendix 1 Glossary of Terms of the CEAOB Guidelines on limited assurance on sustainability reporting adopted on 30 September 2024, and in compliance with the reporting requirements provided for in Article 8 of Regulation (EU) 2020/852 (Taxonomy Regulation), including the format in which the activities are presented;
- Considering the overall presentation, structure and the fundamental qualitative characteristics of information (relevance and faithful representation: complete, neutral and accurate) reported in the sustainability statements, including the reporting requirements provided for in Article 8 of Regulation (EU) 2020/852 (Taxonomy Regulation); and
- Considering, based on our limited assurance procedures and evaluation of the assurance evidence obtained, whether the sustainability statements as a whole, are free from material misstatements and prepared in accordance with the ESRS.

Amstelveen, 12 March 2025 KPMG Accountants N.V.

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**Eric Jackson** 

**Chief Operating Officer** 

**Jackson Dunckel** 

Chief Financial Officer

**Michael Connor** 

Chief Corporate Development Officer

#### **Supervisory Board**

Steve Hanke

Chairman

Selection & Appointment Committee (Chair)

Willem van Hassel

Vice Chairman

Audit & Risk Management Committee

**Herb Depp** 

Remuneration Committee (Chair)

Donatella Ceccarelli

Audit & Risk Management Committee (Chair) Selection & Appointment Committee

**Warmolt Prins** 

Audit & Risk Management Committee Safety, Sustainability, and Science (3S) Committee

**Anne Roby** 

Safety, Sustainability, and Science (3S) Committee (Chair) Remuneration Committee

Dagmar Bottenbruch

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Trade Register

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