

Fatal Workplace Accident at the Aurubis Site in Hamburg

Hamburg, March 7, 2026 – Yesterday at around 10:45 p.m., a serious workplace accident occurred at the Aurubis plant site in Hamburg, in the Smelter Plant North, a downstream facility of primary copper production. A company employee was fatally injured in the incident.

During routine emptying operations of a ladle containing residues of molten material, a deflagration occurred. As a result, a forklift used for the emptying process caught fire. The employee who was inside the forklift sustained fatal injuries as a consequence. Another employee suffered minor injuries. Emergency services and the fire brigade were deployed immediately.

The fire was quickly brought under control by the fire brigade. At no time was there any danger to neighbors or the environment. The affected production area was brought into a safe operating condition.

The responsible authorities were informed in accordance with regulations. Aurubis is working closely with them to investigate the incident and its causes. As is customary in such cases, the police have initiated an investigation. The accident site is currently in a secured condition.

Aurubis is deeply affected by this tragic accident. “Our heartfelt sympathy goes out to the relatives and all those affected during these difficult hours,” said Dr. Toralf Haag, CEO of Aurubis AG. “We will conduct a full and detailed investigation of the accident in close cooperation with the authorities.”

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Aurubis AG is a leading global provider of non-ferrous metals and one of the largest copper recyclers worldwide. The company processes complex metal concentrates, scrap metals, organic and inorganic metal-bearing recycling materials, and industrial residues into metals of the highest quality. Aurubis produces more than 1 million tons of copper cathodes annually, and from them a variety of products such as wire rod, continuous cast shapes, profiles, and flat rolled products made of copper and copper alloys. Aurubis produces a number of other metals as well, including precious metals, selenium, lead, nickel, tin and zinc. The portfolio also includes additional products such as sulfuric acid and iron silicate.

Sustainability is a fundamental part of the Aurubis strategy. “Aurubis responsibly transforms raw materials into value” — following this maxim, the company integrates sustainable conduct and business activities into the corporate culture. This involves a careful approach to natural resources, responsible social and ecological conduct in everyday business, and sensible, healthy growth.

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

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