

## PRESS INFORMATION

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### **61 trainees at BIKAR – a strong signal for the future**

Bad Berleburg, August 5, 2025 – With the start of 17 new trainees – seven of them at its headquarters in Bad Berleburg – BIKAR METALS is sending a clear signal for the targeted development of its own next generation of skilled workers at the beginning of the 2025 training year. This means that a total of 61 young people are currently undergoing training at the two German locations in Bad Berleburg (34) and Korbußen (25) as well as at the Bristol location in the UK (2) at the internationally active metal trader. Even after their training, BIKAR METALS supports numerous employees in a variety of ways with part-time studies or recognized further training to help them reach the next milestone in their professional development.

As a specialist in high-quality semi-finished products made of aluminum, brass, copper, bronze, and plastic, BIKAR supplies materials worldwide for demanding industries—from aerospace and medical technology to mechanical engineering. The product range extends from plates, rods, and profiles to pre-machined blanks manufactured in highly automated processes.

This diversity is also reflected in the training opportunities: whether in the office or at the machine, trainees at BIKAR take on responsibility from day one. Industrial clerks work in sales, purchasing, logistics, or finance. Industrial mechanics, warehouse logisticians, machine and plant operators, and electronics technicians are involved in the manufacture and processing of products – often using state-of-the-art equipment such as in the fully automated environment of the BIKAR ZONE.

“61 trainees – this reflects our firm conviction that investing in training is investing in the future of the company,” says Annalena Moll, Head of Human Resources at BIKAR. “We want our trainees to be able to develop with us – both personally and professionally. That's why we focus on individual support, modern learning formats, and long-term prospects.”

At the start of their training, the new trainees first get to know their respective locations – among other things, through an interactive location quiz. The new trainees at the German locations then attended a two-day joint onboarding program at the BIKAR location in Korbußen, Thuringia, where team building, insights into key topics such as occupational safety and vocational school, and a cross-departmental World Café were on the agenda. The exchange was rounded off with a joint barbecue evening in a relaxed atmosphere.

Ingo Miß, training manager at BIKAR, emphasizes: “We are looking for young people who are motivated to take on responsibility. Those who are committed are rewarded with trust, exciting tasks, and real opportunities for development. Many of our current managers began their careers with an apprenticeship at our company.”

The effectiveness of this training concept is demonstrated not only by the growing numbers, but also by external recognition: BIKAR AEROSPACE GmbH in Korbußen was recently awarded the title of “Top Training Company 2025” by the East Thuringia Chamber of Industry and Commerce. In addition, BIKAR METALS received the “IHK Seal of Approval for Training in South Westphalia” – double praise for a training system focused on quality, commitment and future opportunities.

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**Caption:**

The 15 new trainees at BIKAR METALS' German locations got to know each other at the Thuringia site. Here, they were also able to gain direct insights into the construction progress of the major BIKAR ZONE east project, the fully automated cutting production facility for efficient aluminum processing at the highest technical level.