

Press release

C.C. continues to be successful despite the COVID-19 crisis – and has temporarily introduced a three-shift system at its headquarters in Krefeld

Krefeld, 14 May 2020 The C.C. Group, one of the leading disposal and recycling specialists for incineration waste in Germany, is resisting the current economic downturn caused by the coronavirus pandemic. In an interview for the series “Point of view: The COVID-19 pandemic”, which features on the C.C. Group’s corporate website, Managing Director Dieter Kersting explains: “Waste incineration is continuing at normal rates, which is why we are receiving roughly the same quantities of slag and filter dust as before the pandemic.” In order to guarantee acceptance security for its customers, the C.C. Group is now operating its sites in line with pandemic plans. In addition, C.C. is keeping sufficient storage space available and has temporarily introduced a three-shift system at its headquarters in Krefeld to handle the volume of waste.

Multimillion investment “Stratego” is living up to expectations

As a result of the coronavirus crisis, the percentage of household waste in the incineration mix received from waste incineration plants is rapidly rising, while the percentage of commercial waste is falling. “Taken together, the weekly slag quantities have remained almost consistent. The quality is more or less the same, too. However, we are observing that, at times, the amount of coarse ferrous fractions typically found in industrial waste is in decline, while finer non-ferrous fractions are ‘on the rise’,” Dieter Kersting explains.

Co-Managing Director Roberto Grau adds: “This means that we can take full advantage of our multimillion investment ‘Stratego’. In the current coronavirus crisis, this machinery has once again proven its value – for our customers and for us.”

Before the installation of state-of-the-art metal finishing machinery “Stratego”, the C.C. Group was only able to extract one big mixture of light and heavy non-ferrous metals (NF metals) from the incineration slags, and thus had to return them to the commercial cycle in this form. “Thanks to this technology, which we put into operation in Krefeld in July 2019, we have performed a quantum leap in the recovery of raw materials. We are now able to extract NF metals by type,” Roberto Grau continues.

“Stratego” separates light NF metals (mainly aluminum) contained in the slag from heavy NF metals (in particular: copper, gold, silver, platinum and palladium). This allows the company to process very small fragments of non-ferrous metals: C.C. can now recover and refine certain fractions as small as 0.1 millimeters.

Even better alternative construction materials from waste incineration slag

Alternative construction materials remain another important topic for the C.C. Group. “We plan to produce them in increasingly high quality, using waste incineration slags as a basis,” says Dieter Kersting. Among others, he considers cement research very interesting in this regard, stating that C.C. soon wants to be able to produce quality slags that can be used as aggregates for cement.

Innovations are needed in this area because building sand is becoming scarce. “The C.C. Group remains committed to the conservation of resources and climate protection. We are convinced that we are providing important impulses in the interest of sustainability,” Dieter Kersting concludes.

You can read the interview in full here: <https://www.cc-gruppe.com/medien/c-c-inside/>

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About the C.C. Group

The C.C. Group was founded in 1969 and is part of the circular economy. With around 300 employees, the company operates sites in Krefeld, Würzburg, Hagen and Schwandorf. Its three business divisions are: the disposal and reprocessing of slag; the disposal of filter dust in safe underground storage sites; and the processing of mineral waste. The C.C. Group's customers include municipalities, towns, administration unions, waste incinerators, disposal companies, recycling specialists and construction companies. The latter, for example, use the qualities of slag processed by C.C. for large civil engineering projects, helping to conserve resources such as new sand and gravel. In 2019, the C.C. Group celebrated its 50th anniversary.