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ASTA Energy Solutions AG reports strong increase in earnings in the first half of the year

- Adjusted EBITDA rose to EUR 37.0 million (+54%), net profit to EUR 22.5 million (+125%)
- New long-term contracts with OEMs strengthen planning certainty and capacity utilisation
- Cash of EUR 132 million and an equity ratio of 46 % provides a foundation for further growth
- Positive outlook for 2026: Raised EBITDA guidance confirmed

Oed (Austria), 27 August 2026 – ASTA Energy Solutions AG (“ASTA”) is successfully continuing its growth trajectory in its first year as a listed company and remains on course for a record year. In the first half of 2026, ASTA achieved a net profit of EUR 22.5 million, representing an increase of 125.0% compared with the same period last year (H1 2025: EUR 10.0 million). ASTA also recorded significant growth in its other key financial indicators: Net Sales rose by 22.2% to EUR 435.8 million, whilst adjusted EBITDA increased by 54.2% to EUR 37.0 million. Due to the strong business performance and the sustained high demand for components for the global energy infrastructure, the Management Board had already raised its full-year forecast on 18 August 2026. For the 2026 financial year, ASTA now expects adjusted EBITDA to be in the range of EUR 60 million to EUR 64 million (previously: EUR 55 million to EUR 59 million).

“Our strong performance in the first half of the year underlines the fact that we are excellently positioned to benefit from the long-term growth trends in the global energy infrastructure. Despite geopolitical uncertainties, the market environment for ASTA remains very positive,” says **Dr. Karl Schäcke**, CEO of ASTA Energy Solutions AG.

NEW LONG-TERM CONTRACTS SECURE FUTURE CAPACITY UTILISATION

Furthermore, in the first half of 2026, ASTA enhanced its multi-year planning certainty by concluding further long-term supply contracts with leading global OEMs (Original Equipment Manufacturers), including Siemens Energy, GE Vernova and Andritz. Demand for power transformers is driven in particular by the global expansion of power grids and the increasing integration of renewable energies. The contracts secure reliable order volumes for ASTA, thereby creating a robust foundation for the ongoing capacity expansions at its sites in Austria, Brazil, China and India, which are all progressing according to plan. Revenue and capacity utilisation can therefore be estimated with significantly greater reliability for the coming financial years.

FINANCIAL STRENGTH AS A FOUNDATION

ASTA's balance sheet has been fundamentally strengthened in the first half of 2026: the equity ratio stood at 45.9% as of 30 June 2026 (31 December 2025: 24.9%), cash and cash equivalents rose to EUR 131.6 million (31 December 2025: EUR 47.3 million), whilst loans from related and affiliated companies were reduced by EUR 24.8 million. Net debt of EUR 56.6 million at the end of 2025 turned into net liquidity of EUR 47.4 million within six months – an improvement of around EUR 104 million. ASTA therefore has the financial foundation to fund further growth from its own resources. Cash flow from operating activities improved to EUR 3.1 million in the first half of 2026 (H1 2025: EUR –3.0 million); excluding the build-up in trade working capital of EUR 25.7 million, which was driven by copper prices and volumes, the operating cash inflow stood at EUR 28.8 million. The build-up in working capital was concentrated in the first quarter; by the second quarter, operating cash flow was already significantly positive. Free cash flow rose to EUR 22.8 million after capital expenditure of EUR 14.2 million (H1 2025: EUR 10.6 million), whilst cash conversion reached 61.6%. *“Improved margins and strong cash conversion in the first half of the year demonstrate that we are sustainably transforming growth into profit. With our balance sheet significantly strengthened since the IPO, we have the flexibility to implement our growth strategy in a disciplined manner and to further optimise our financing structure,”* says **Daniela Klauser**, CFO of ASTA Energy Solutions AG.

POSITIVE OUTLOOK FOR 2026: RAISED EBITDA GUIDANCE CONFIRMED

For the current financial year, ASTA Energy Solutions AG expects business performance to remain positive, despite persistently volatile geopolitical conditions. Key growth drivers include high demand for copper products for the expansion of energy infrastructure and the energy transition. With its strategic positioning, strong long-term customer relationships and presence in structurally growing markets, ASTA considers itself well-positioned to benefit from this development in the long term. Against the backdrop of high demand across all sales regions, an increased proportion of high-margin orders and improved production capacity utilisation, the Management Board confirms the forecast for the 2026 financial year, which was revised upwards on 18 August 2026. Accordingly, ASTA expects adjusted EBITDA to be in the range of EUR 60 million to EUR 64 million (previously: EUR 55 million to EUR 59 million). The guidance for net sales and net value sales remains unchanged.

KEY FIGURES FOR H1 2026: (IN EUR MILLION)

KEY EARNINGS FIGURES	H1 2025	H1 2026	CHANGE
Net Sales	356.7	435.8	+22.2%
Net Value Sales ¹	73.9	98.4	+33.2%
Adjusted EBITDA ²	24.0	37.0	+54.2%
Net profit	10.0	22.5	+125.0%
KEY ASSET AND FINANCIAL FIGURES	31.12.2025	30.06.2026	CHANGE
Equity Ratio (in %)	24.9%	45.9%	+21.0 PP
Net Liquidity	-56.6	47.4	+104.0
Cash and cash equivalents	47.3	131.6	+178.2%
Trade Working Capital	36.1	83.9	+132.4%
KEY SHARE DATA AND WORKFORCE	H1 2025	H1 2026	CHANGE
Earnings per share (in EUR)	1.00	1.66	+66.0%
Market capitalisation (30.06.2026)	–	968.1	–
Employees (30.06.2026)	1,409	1,606	+14.0%

¹ Net Value Sales is not an IFRS figure. It is calculated as net sales revenue (including finished and work-in-progress products) less costs for materials, goods and services, with material costs being passed on directly to the customer. This figure is relevant to the company as it represents the net value share of the net sales revenue generated by the ASTA Group.

² Adjusted EBITDA is not an IFRS measure. It is calculated as profit for the financial year before interest income and interest expense, other financial income and other financial expense, income tax credit (or expense), and depreciation, amortisation and write-ups, adjusted for non-recurring IPO preparation costs.

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About ASTA Energy Solutions AG

ASTA Energy Solutions AG is a leading global manufacturer of high-precision copper solutions for power generation, power transmission and e-mobility. With a history spanning over 210 years and employing around 1,600 employees across six sites on three continents, ASTA combines unique technological expertise with a global production network. Its long-standing customers include leading companies driving the global energy transition, such as Siemens Energy, GE Vernova, Hitachi and Andritz. Following its successful initial public offering in January 2026, ASTA was admitted to the SDAX index of the Frankfurt Stock Exchange within a very short time and has since met the strict transparency and reporting requirements of the Prime Standard.

Further details and the full 2026 half-year financial report can be found at astagroup.com.