

Rescue of Sommer Vehicle Construction

– Business operation in Laucha taken over by investor

– Production runs on high notes

07.10.2010 | With the decision of the Amtsgericht Halle (Saale) from 30. December 2009, the insolvency proceedings over the assets of Sommer Road Cargo Solutions GmbH & Co. KG in Laucha were opened. The insolvency administrator was appointed as the specialist lawyer for insolvency law, Lucas Flöther from Halle.

After a multi-month continuation of operations in the insolvency proceedings, it was successful for Flöther to transfer the business operation on 1. October 2010 to the newly founded Sommer GmbH.

The owners of the new vehicle construction company are Alexander Tietje, Richard Bäumler and Frank Tropsch, who were the chairperson of the business operation and leading employees of the trailer manufacturer Kögel. „We will continue the entire business operation with the complete Sommer product palette“, promised Tietje. It is planned that all jobs will remain under the same conditions.

The vehicle construction company Sommer, which also maintains production facilities in Poland and alone in Laucha employed 130 employees, had to file for insolvency in October 2009. The reason for the economic decline were drastic sales drops, which were caused by the crisis in the entire automobile industry.

Economic and Labour Minister Dr. Reiner Haseloff emphasized: „With the help of the Investment Bank, the Guarantee Bank, the Mittelständische Beteiligungsgesellschaft and the Burgenlandsparkasse, it was possible to secure the financing for the takeover and continuation of the production site of the former Sommer Group. The takeover partners are a management team with many years of experience, which has convinced the state and the financing institutions and which offers a good future perspective for the site.“

The Sommer Vehicle Construction focuses on the production of so-called courier-express-parcel service vehicles. The company produces both vehicles for DHL as well as for UPS Germany. „The maintenance of the business operation was only possible because all participants, above all the employees, supported the company actively despite the insolvency“, stressed Flöther. „It is really a pleasure that in Laucha, even in the future, vehicles for the street scene will be produced“, so Flöther continues.

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