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▶ DHL Express and Lufthansa Cargo Airline to Be Called “AeroLogic”

The cargo airline to be jointly operated by DHL Express and Lufthansa Cargo will be called “AeroLogic”. The name will appear in grey and yellow colours on the Boeing 777-200LRF aircraft that the company will use to initiate flight operations in 2009. DHL Express and Lufthansa Cargo each have a 50% holding in the new cargo airline, which will have its company headquarters at Leipzig/Halle Airport.



The first four aircraft will be delivered in 2009. Another four planes of the same type will follow one year later and two more cargo aircraft will enter service in 2011. There are plans to take delivery of another reserve plane in 2012. DHL Express and Lufthansa Cargo will be the main users of use the company’s freight capacity. The aircraft will largely be used on routes to Asia on weekdays and they will complement Lufthansa Cargo services at weekends. AeroLogic plans to employ some 200 pilots, who will be based in Leipzig/Halle.

Aerologic, the livery for the new cargo airline will be grey and yellow

www.aerologic.aero

**► AeroLogic GmbH**

AeroLogic GmbH, which was set up in September 2007, has its headquarters at Leipzig/Halle Airport and has developed out of the joint venture between the two partners DHL and Lufthansa Cargo, which has existed since 2004. The company currently employs about 20 members of staff. AeroLogic expects to create approx. 250 new jobs, 200 of which will be pilots. The AeroLogic fleet will comprise eleven leased Boeing 777-200LFR aircraft by 2012.

► DHL

DHL is the world's leading international company that provides innovative express and logistics services from one source. The DHL international network links 220 countries and territories around the globe. The company employs more than 300,000 members of staff.

► Lufthansa Cargo AG

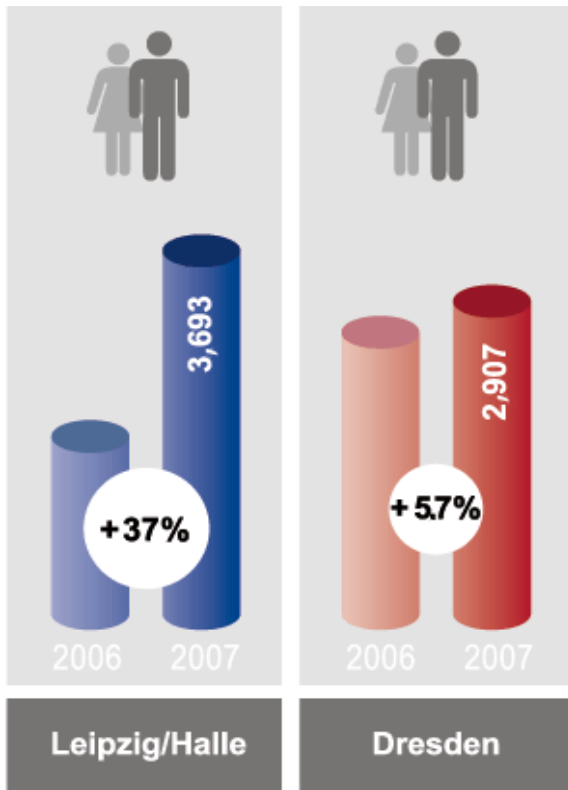
Lufthansa Cargo is one of the world's leading air freight transport companies and employs some 4,600 members of staff around the globe. The airline handled more than 1.81 million tonnes of freight and post consignments and sold 8.5 billion freight tonne kilometres in 2007. The Lufthansa Cargo network of routes comprises approx. 360 destinations.

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► Central German Airports Generate Jobs – More than 6,600 People Work at Leipzig/Halle and Dresden Airports

Airports have a reputation as engines for job creation. Experience dictates that about one million passengers per annum create approx. 1,000 jobs in and around an airport. The figures at Leipzig/Halle and Dresden Airports are similar.

Passengers are not the only source of jobs at Leipzig/Halle – cargo in particular creates employment here. There were 3,693 people employed at the site at the end of 2007, almost 37 more than one year previously.



1,485 people worked in the flight operations sector alone at the airport at the end of last year – that accounts for 40.2 percent of the total employment figures. The cargo division easily registered the largest growth in employment. The number in the same period rose by 331 percent to 1,737 employees. This means that 47 percent of all those employed at the airport work in the freight sector. In addition, as many as 1,100 construction company employees were also working on extension projects at the site. The number of people employed by the companies in the Central German Airports at the Leipzig/Halle site rose by almost double digits in percentage terms too – the figure grew by 9.9 percent to 588 within the year. The number of companies at the airport rose to 144 over the past twelve months.

The number of workers at Dresden Airport also continued to rise last year, reflecting the trend at Leipzig/Halle. 2,907 people were employed at 124 companies, service providers and public service authorities at the airport at the end of 2007. This represents an increase of 5.7 percent over 2006 and the rise is 20 percent above the figure for 2005. This is the third successive year that job figures have risen to new record levels.

The number of employees at Leipzig/Halle and Dresden

35.5 percent of all the employees at the airport work in flight operations. This includes jobs at airlines or on the apron area. Jobs at service companies like travel agents or catering facilities account for 7.1 percent of the figure and cargo services 4.2 percent. More than half the employees – 53.2 percent – at the airport site work for outside companies – for example, in the aviation industry.

The airport companies in the Saxon capital employed 2.7 percent more staff in 2007 than at the end of 2006. The Central German Airports Group at the Dresden site and its subsidiary companies, Flughafen Dresden GmbH and PortGround GmbH, provided work for 343 people.

The new runway at Dresden Airport, which was renewed and extended, had an important effect on the regional jobs market. The project worth millions of euros safeguarded about 500 jobs at building companies, engineering and planning offices and security firms. 98 companies were involved in the project and 71 of them came from Saxony.

Leipzig/Halle Airport

► Insight – Pilot with Many Years of Experience Reads from His Book



He has a reputation for being the most legendary airline captain in Germany – Heinz Dieter Kallbach. The pilot landed an Ilyushin IL-62 on a field in the village of Stölln in the state of Brandenburg in 1989. This was where the flying pioneer Otto Lilienthal crashed during one of his many flying attempts. 67-year-old Kallbach, who was once head of the IL-62 fleet at the East German airline Interflug, presented his book „Mayday über Saragossa“ (“Mayday over Zaragoza”) at Leipzig/Halle Airport. The book has been published by the Salier Publishing House. The title of the book recalls an incident in March 2000 when Kallbach was attacked by a man trying to commit suicide in the cockpit of a Boeing 737. About 130 aviation fans came to the airport’s exhibition room for the occasion. Kallbach signed a copy of his book for many of them.

Leipzig/Halle Airport

► Central German Company Run – We Shall Be There

Leipzig/Halle Airport is the starting point and final destination for thousands of passengers every year. But the airport will also be the venue for the first Central German company run on 21 June.

Companies, institutions, public service authorities and all the other offices are being asked to take part in a mini-marathon at the start of summer. The idea for the Central German company run came from two-time Olympic champion Waldemar Cierpinski in Halle.



The teams, each consisting of four participants, have to cover a route measuring 4.21 kilometres at the airport site. The start will be in front of Terminal B (in front of the central terminal). The runners will reach the half-way mark by the German Air Traffic Control tower. The finishing line is at the check-in building. There will be different categories for men's, women's and mixed teams.

The organisers have already received commitments to participate from companies like the computer manufacturer Dell, the logistics company DHL or the regional gas supplier Mitgas. The companies in the Central German Airports Group will also be taking part in this popular sporting event.

If your company is also interested in joining the line-up, please indicate your interest by phoning 03 41/2 24-11 59 or send an e-mail to: marketing@leipzig-halle-airport.de.

Dresden Airport

► The Airport and 27 Grammar School Pupils Consider the Future

The “Young People Looking Ahead” business initiative joined forces with Dresden Airport in the search for new ideas for products and services tomorrow.



27 pupils from the Martin-Andersen-Nexö grammar school in Dresden spent a week as guests of the airport in mid-February. The young people were looking for trends for the future in the aviation sector under the motto “Dresden Airport in 2020”.

“Young People Looking Ahead” is a business initiative and is directed at pupils in classes 9 to 12. They develop products and services for the world of tomorrow with and at companies in just five days. So far 260 companies across Germany have opened their doors to schools as part of this scheme.

Dresden Airport has fulfilled this role for the Martin-Andersen-Nexö grammar school. A speaker provided the young people with information about trends in the aviation sector. Based on this knowledge, the pupils developed creative ideas for the year 2020.

The pupils present the microlight model „ULF“



Dresden Airport

► A Night at the Airport – Terminal to Become a Party Venue

Holiday and business travellers usually dominate the scene in the terminal at Dresden Airport. But the check-in building will turn into a party venue and shopping mall on 8 March to celebrate the 1st Grand Airport Night. Visitors will be able to enjoy live music from stars like the pop duo Cora or stroll around the colourful shopping world. There will also be plenty for aviation fans to do. The travel agencies will also be open. The entrance fee is € 8 and parking costs € 3.



The Modern Soul Band will be one of the groups providing musical entertainment at the 1st Grand Airport Night

The customer service department at the airport will provide exciting night tours for any visitors who would like to glimpse behind the scenes at the airport. Participants will undergo a security check and enjoy a bus trip across the illuminated apron area. The meeting point for the guided tours, which cost € 6, is the airport information desk.

The shops and 27 travel agencies will stay open until 1 a.m. during the airport night, which starts at 8 p.m. People who would like to book their summer holiday will be able to choose from a wide variety of itineraries and flights. Ladies from the German champion volleyball team, Dresdner SC, will be there to sign autographs. The press shop on the arrivals floor, which will also feature Dynamo Dresden fan items in future, is planning an autograph hour with the Dynamo football players.

www.flughafennacht.de

► News from the Central German Business World

► Leipzig Logistics Centre Beats Prague and Poland

The situation for logistics property developers in Germany has hardly ever been better than the present time. This was the clear message from the DVZ Symposium entitled “Logistics Property”.

“At the moment a logistics centre could be built at just about any motorway exit in Germany on spec and it would filled immediately,” was the clear message expressed by Christian Bischoff from ProLogis. He added that it was more attractive to build facilities in Germany at the moment than in the Netherlands, for example. Real estate prices, he added, are not as high in the Lower Rhine area in Germany and



the supply of workers is also better than in the neighbouring country, which has traditionally been an important base for logistics companies. The situation is no different in Eastern Europe, he said. Bischoff stressed that workers may be cheaper in Poland, but there are hardly any available. He concluded that the Leipzig site with its high unemployment rate, for example, was much more attractive than Prague or Western Poland.

► EverQ Lays Foundation for Third Solar Module Factory

The solar power company EverQ GmbH is building its third production facility in Thalheim in Saxony-Anhalt.

The solar power company is investing about € 150 million in the new factory which will produce solar cells, solar modules and solar wafers using a process that requires very little silicon. The factory will be commissioned in the first quarter of 2009. This expansion process at EverQ will create some 500 new jobs.

The new production facility has a capacity of 80 megawatt peak (MWp) per annum. This will almost double the total capacity of EverQ to about 180 MWp.

EverQ currently employs more than 1,000 members of staff and the solar power companies in Bitterfeld/Wolfen provide work for approx. 3,000 people. EverQ GmbH is a joint venture between Q-Cells AG (Q-Cells, Bitterfeld-Wolfen, Saxony-Anhalt), Evergreen Solar, Inc. (Evergreen, Marlboro, USA) and Renewable Energy Corporation ASA (REC, Høvik, Norway). EverQ is making preparations for its IPO.

► Number of People in Work in Saxony and Saxony-Anhalt Rises

The number of people in work continued to rise in Saxony and Saxony-Anhalt last year.

The figure rose by 1.8 percent to 1.95 million in the Free State during the year. This means that the number in work in Saxony in 2007 was the highest since 2000. The number of people in work rose by 1.1 percent to 1.004 million in Saxony-Anhalt during the same period. This means that the positive trend in the previous year continued, but to a greater degree. The increase in 2006 was only 0.3 percent. The spread of changes in job quotas across Germany ranged from 1.1 percent in Saxony-Anhalt and the Saarland to 2.2 percent in Berlin.

In contrast to 2006, the increase affected every business sector in Saxony. The largest increases in jobs were in the financing, rental and company services sectors and manufacturing industry. The number of people employed in the construction sector also rose for the first time since 1995 (2.2 percent higher).



The increase in employment in Saxony-Anhalt affected almost every business sector, but particularly the financing, rental and company services sectors and manufacturing industry. The number of people employed in the construction sector also rose for the first time since 1995.

▶ Record Year for the Inland Waterway Ports on the Upper Elbe River

2007 was an excellent business year for the network of six inland waterway ports in Dresden, Riesa, Torgau, Děčín, Lovosice and Rosslau an der Elbe. The ports handled more goods than at any time since the fall of the Berlin Wall in 1990. The volume handled at the inland waterway ports rose by nine percent in comparison with 2006 to a total figure of 2.67 million tonnes.

718,390 tonnes of goods were handled on the inland waterways at the six ports in 2007. This represents an increase of more than 27 percent over 2006. Among other things, the vessels carried scrap metal, wood, cereals, fertilisers, equipment and containers. Transhipments to and from the railways totalled 606,150 tonnes, almost the same figure as in 2006. 1.35 million tonnes of goods were transhipped to and from trucks.

The Free State of Saxony is the sole shareholder in the Sächsische Binnenhäfen Oberelbe GmbH (SBO), which was set up in 1991. The company operates the three ports at Dresden, Riesa and Torgau in Saxony. It also has a subsidiary company Česko-saské přístavy s.r.o., which operates the ports of Děčín and Lovosice in the Czech Republic and has a shareholding in Industriehafen Roßlau GmbH in Saxony-Anhalt. SBO employs 86 members of staff and the total number employed by the group is 130.

▶ Miscellaneous

▶ Leopoldina in Halle Becomes a National Academy

The Leopoldina German Academy of Sciences in Halle is becoming a national academy.

The Leopoldina will represent German science on international committees where other countries are represented by their academies. It will also work closely with other scientific centres, e.g. representatives of the state academies including the Berlin-Brandenburg Academy of Sciences (BBAW) and the newly founded German Academy of Science and Engineering (acatech) and other German science organisations.



German Education and Research Minister, Annette Schavan, said: "As a national academy, the Leopoldina faces the challenging task of working on what are important future social themes in a scientific manner and then communicating the results to the general public and politicians in a suitable way. It is also the voice of German science in an international environment if other scientific organisations are not responsible for this."

The Leopoldina is the oldest scientific/medical academy in the world. It has existed without interruption for 355 years and has more than 1250 members around the world. They include 33 Nobel Prize winners. The Leopoldina was founded in Schweinfurt in 1652 and has been based in Halle since 1878. It is a national academic society with non-profit functions and aims.

www.leopoldina-halle.de

► Combating Tumours with Great Accuracy – New Methods in Cancer Treatment

Open high field magnetic resonance tomography (MRT) has been used for the first time for a particular form of cancer treatment at the University Clinic of Magdeburg within the scope of a research and development project. The completely new kind of tool provides free access to the patient – which is essential for the operation – excellent image quality and it works without any radiation caused by x-rays.

Using what is known as microtherapy, the doctor uses image-guided processes to insert minute tools in the patient's body and place them directly in the tumours. The tools are then able to work in an extremely effective manner. The surrounding tissue is largely spared during this treatment because of the high degree of accuracy of microtherapeutic operations. In the past doctors managed these new kinds of operations primarily using ultrasound or computer tomography (CT). Organs or other soft tissue can often not be clearly seen using these methods. The University Clinic of Magdeburg is circumventing these problems by using a completely new kind of open high field magnetic resonance tomography as part of a development project.

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