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Central German Airports Group

▶ New Supervisory Board

At the board meeting on July 14 in Dresden a new Supervisory Board of the Central German Airports Group was elected.

Its 15 members (five for labor and ten for the stockholders) meet at least once per half-year. Five employee representatives were elected by the workforce. The state of Saxony-Anhalt and the City of Halle have a holding entitling it to nominate three members. The remaining seven are elected by the General Meeting which represents all of the group's stockholders.

The term is expected to end in the summer of 2011.

President

- ▶ Willi Hermsen
Airport Director, retd.

Deputy Chairmen

- ▶ Karl-Heinz Biesold
ver.di union, labor representative
- ▶ Dr. Karl-Heinz Daehre
Minister of Regional Development and Transport, State of Saxony-Anhalt
- ▶ Dr. Horst Metz
Minister of Finance, Free State of Saxony

**Members**

- ▶ Jens Bullerjahn
Minister of Finance, State of Saxony-Anhalt
- ▶ Ingrid Häußler
Lord Mayor, City of Halle
- ▶ Dirk Hilbert
Deputy Mayor, City of Dresden
- ▶ Burkhard Jung
Lord Mayor, City of Leipzig
- ▶ Thomas Jurk
Minister of Economics and Labor, Free State of Saxony
- ▶ Dietmar Kastner
Managing Director, LTU Touristik GmbH
- ▶ Klaus Laepple
President, Association of German Tour Operators and Travel Agencies
- ▶ Ralf Landgraf
Workers' representative, Flughafen Leipzig/Halle GmbH
- ▶ Jörg Päge
Workers' representative, Flughafen Dresden GmbH
- ▶ Roland Teichmann
Chairperson, Joint Works Council for Leipzig/Halle Airport, Flughafen Leipzig/Halle GmbH, Workers' representative
- ▶ Frank Vollbrecht
Chairperson, Joint Works Council for Dresden Airport, Flughafen Dresden GmbH, Workers' representative

▶ Central German Airports Group:

- ▶ Established in 2000
- ▶ Shareholders:
 - Free State of Saxony 72,92%
 - State of Saxony-Anhalt 13,58%
 - City of Dresden 6,24%
 - City of Halle 5,16%
 - City of Leipzig 2,10%
- ▶ Subsidiaries:
 - Flughafen Leipzig/Halle GmbH
 - Flughafen Dresden GmbH
 - PortGround GmbH
 - EasternAirCargo GmbH



Dresden Airport

► Full speed ahead – runway to be reconstructed and extended by September 2007

One of the biggest and most ambitious building projects in the 71-year-old history of Dresden Airport is now underway.



Until September 2007, its runway will be rehabilitated and extended in the process. After the symbolic turning of the first sod, work officially began at the end of July. This is the first airport in Europe to build a runway while continuing operation on the existing one. The total costs of approx. €52mn will bring the overall investment made into expanding Dresden Airport over the last 17 years to about €500mn.

Excavators replace spades for earthmoving to officially open construction project for the new runway

The new runway, which runs parallel to the existing one at a distance of 70.5m to the northwest, will be built by September next year. Air traffic will be possible with a few restrictions, and the expected service life is at least 30 years after completion. With a length of 2,850m, the new runway will be 350m longer than the present one but had its width reduced by 20m to 60m.



While the longer runway does not add to capacity, it will enable much more flexible airline operation. Load restrictions in certain kinds of weather, and fuel stops on medium-range routes, particularly to the Canary Islands and Egypt, will be a thing of the past.

Dr. Michael Hupe, Thomas Jurk and Dr. Hans-Joachim Gottschalk (l. to r.) after the first excavator hoist

Thomas Jurk, Economics Minister and Deputy Prime Minister of the state of Saxony, told a TV station that the project was part of a regional air traffic concept agreed between the states of Saxony, Saxony-Anhalt and Thuringia. It would benefit companies located near the airport in terms of wider opportunities and more orders, thus creating jobs and making Dresden more attractive as a business location.



▶ The new runway at a glance

- ▶ Length: 2,850m, Width: 60m
- ▶ 24-hour operating license
- ▶ Orientation runway 04 = 41 deg.; runway 22 = orientation 221 deg.
- ▶ 26 aircraft parking spaces on apron
- ▶ Chronology:
 - 1955 – existing runway is built
 - 1974 and 1988/89 – major overhauls
 - after 1989 - number of takeoffs and landings reaches more than 36,000
 - expert report leaves no alternative to rehabilitation
 - January 2004 – planning work begins for new runway
 - October 2005 – zoning procedure successfully completed after only 10 months
 - July 2006 – symbolic turning of the first sod
 - up to 300 workers are expected on site in the months to come
 - June 2007 – concrete placing starts
 - September 2007 – the new runway goes into operation

Dresden Airport

▶ Helicopter hangar in the making

Building activity at Dresden Airport is only too obvious. A few weeks after the foundation stone was laid for the new helicopter hangar, the building is already taking shape.



In mid-July, the roof framing was installed with the aid of two cranes which lifted the roughly 40m long steel structures onto the carcass. Presently the roof is being assembled, with sheeting mounted on the roof frames. When the facades are in place, four large gates will be added.

The owner, Flughafen Dresden GmbH, plans to hand over the building to its users before Christmas. The €3mn hangar has a floor space of some 1,800sqm and will accommodate three police helicopters and one owned by Deutsche Rettungsflugwacht, a rescue service.

The new helicopter hangar has taken shape since May when its foundation stone was laid

www.dresden-airport.de



PortGround GmbH

► Training for DHL jobs – ground handling firm helps a logistics company

PortGround GmbH has proven to be a reliable partner of DHL, a logistics company. The subsidiary of Central German Airports Group has for the first time trained external DHL staff.



Dierk Näther, managing director of PortGround, said the job was a great challenge. The first of a total of 30 DHL staff who successfully trained as "Ramp Agent II" from March to June, and from April to July, respectively, have been given their certificates in the meantime.

Courses had been preceded by extensive talks between DHL and PortGround, and arrangements made since autumn 2005. These led to a four-month training program geared to DHL's needs, with allowance made for types of DHL aircraft and handling routines.

Dierk Näther (r.) handing over certificates to the first DHL staff his company trained

Three of PortGround's experienced supervisors were made available for courses teaching theory in the first two weeks, followed by practical instruction with the accent on operating vehicles and equipment, and the transfer of DHL freight.

Since July, the first DHL staff trained in this way has handled planes independently. This has made DHL the second company to provide such services at Leipzig/Halle Airport. This is, however, not seen as competition by PortGround, as Dierk Näther put it, because DHL handles only aircraft which the company itself has attracted to Leipzig/Halle. In addition, a number of synergistic effects are expected in future.

DHL will continue to use this training expertise and in late July accepted a tender from PortGround in a Germany-wide call for bids. This means that the subsidiary of Central German Airports Group will run more courses before the European air freight hub opens.

Beginning in 2008, over 400 DHL staff is to handle cargo planes on the apron, and at least half of them will require Ramp Agent II qualifications. The first such course after the successful bid began in early August.

www.portground.com



Leipzig/Halle Airport

▶ WINDROSE AIR charter to over 1,200 destinations

When the new General Aviation Terminal (GAT) opened at Leipzig/Halle in December 2005, WINDROSE AIR, a jet charter firm from Berlin was the first to have an office at the airport.



Established in 1990, WINDROSE operates business trips to destinations which, in the words of general manager Thomas Stillmann, can not be reached directly from Leipzig/Halle. Business travelers in particular had to change planes again and again at German hubs, which was strenuous and time-consuming. As an alternative, WINDROSE offers direct links to more than 1,200 airports all over Europe. The key advantage for clients was complete independence from established networks and schedules. The firm has

A LearJet 60 from the WINDROSE AIR fleet

a fleet of 7 business jets of different sizes and in the past 6 years has commissioned a new plane every year. The workforce of now 60 is rising continuously.



Mandy Baum,
WINDROSE AIR
branch manager
at Leipzig/Halle
Airport

The manageress said: "We can see the City of Leipzig and the states of Saxony, Saxony-Anhalt and Thuringia developing into attractive business locations. The excellent infrastructure of the airport with its motor- and railway in the vicinity of the Leipzig Fair Exhibition Center is a vital factor in attracting more foreign investors to the region. We expect a variety of synergistic effects to arise from requirements made by the regional economy and the business jet charter we have to offer. We can count on a highly motivated team, which is the key to success."

Windrose also makes other connections and has for over 10 years served the region's leading transplantation centers, carrying both transplants and teams of doctors.

www.windroseair.de

Leipzig/Halle Airport

▶ Infrastructure improvement

State road 8 to the east of Leipzig/Halle Airport may now be transferred, after the Regional Council (Regierungspräsidium Leipzig) which is responsible for zoning, has given approval.

For the town of Schkeuditz, shorter road links to the northern districts will result when a 2km long road has been newly built between Radefelder Allee and the Radefeld bypass. The project became necessary because the expansion of the airport and of the south runway has forced motorists to make detours when going north from the town center.



► Economic news

► Motorway ring around Leipzig complete

The last two sections of the A 38 south of Leipzig with a length of just under 15km have been opened to traffic. They were the last links in closing the motorway ring around the Saxon city.

On August 13 the stretch between the Leipzig-Süd junction and the Parthenau interchange on the A 14 (Magdeburg-Dresden) had been opened, completing the 38km long southern ring between the A 9 (Berlin-Munich) to the west and the A 14 east of Leipzig after eight years under construction.

Construction of the four-lane expressway which traverses a number of former brown coal strip mines, cost €344mn. Completion, originally scheduled for the soccer World Cup, was delayed by a long and severe winter.

The A 38, a project adopted after German unification, links the states of Saxony, Saxony-Anhalt and Thuringia to the A 7 motorway in Lower Saxony. The part which bypasses Leipzig to the south has new economic and tourism potential in that traffic from southern Germany headed toward Dresden no longer has to go through the Schkeuditzer Kreuz interchange. At the same time, chemicals manufacturers at Schkopau and Leuna in Saxony-Anhalt have better connections to the new EU countries in Eastern Europe.

► Growth – Dresden approaching the half million mark

Leipzig has made the mark, Dresden is close to it.

In September, the capital of the state of Saxony could reach a population of half a million. Experts had expected this to happen only next year. The latest census for Dresden put the number of inhabitants at 495,181, almost 8,000 more than a year ago. Leipzig has already made the mark, and a recent count stood at 502,651.

Statisticians attributed Dresden's population growth to a tax imposed on second homes which led many people to make the city their principal residence. On the other hand, Dresden attracted more people from Germany and abroad, and there was an increase in the number of births.

www.dresden.de



► Leipzig hosts Games Convention in August

Leipzig, a center of tradeshows, is becoming the Mecca of Europe's games industry.

This year's Games Convention, the Continent's only tradeshow for interactive entertainment, infotainment, edutainment and hardware, will be bigger and more versatile than in 2005. Exhibitors have booked 13% more floor space at the Exhibition Center, bringing the total area to 90,000sqm. Their number increased by 31%, to 367. The organizers expect over 150,000 visitors from Europe between August 23rd and 27th, which would set a new record.

Last year, the event attracted 134,000 visitors who wanted to see the 189 world, European and German firsts offered by 280 exhibitors from 15 countries.

www.gc-germany.com

► Miscellaneous

► Dali exhibit at Halle

Some 300 works of Salvador Dali, the Spanish artist, are currently on show in the city of Halle.

The show put together by Helmut Schrey, a leading curator, is presented by the International Art Club. Original works done on paper can be seen side by side with rare pieces of design from Dali, often described as the last of the „great masters of the 20th century“. It is the first time that „industrial design and advertising“ has been given such room in an exhibition.

Master works on display include a lady's powder compact created for the fashion magazine „Vogue“ in 1951 and a set of plates decorated with surrealistic flowers from the year 1972. The show plays tribute to Halle's „Burg Giebichenstein“ Academy of Art and Design by emphasizing the latter aspect in particular. Visitors can see the works from a period of 40 years until November 5 this year.

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