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Central German Airports Group

## ▶ Boosting careers – Central German Airports Group provides training

**Companies active under the roof of the Central German Airports Group have for years helped dozens of young people “take off” into their working lives.**



Eleven new trainees were taken on by the companies within the Central German Airports Group in recent weeks

At the beginning of the new vocational school year, 11 youngsters started training at Dresden and Leipzig/Halle, bringing the overall number of trainees in all age groups to 36.

The fresh recruits testify to an ongoing policy on the part of the group which has benefited 119 young women and men since 1990. Leipzig/Halle Airport took on six trainees this year – the largest number, most of them seeking engineering careers while one girl is training for a commercial job. Dresden Airport has employed two apprentices and PortGround, the company in charge of ground handling, a total of three.



## ► Asian approach – Central German Airports Group at Shanghai tradeshow

**In search of investors and customers, the Central German Airports Group and its subsidiaries Leipzig/Halle Airport and EasternAirCargo sent a delegation to “transport logistic”, a trade fair held at the Shanghai New International Expo Centre from Sept. 19 – 22.**



The German group attended a number of events at the fair. For example, Central German Airports Group Director Markus Kopp visited Shanghai together with Federal Minister Wolfgang Tiefensee and other industry leaders in order to advertise Germany as a business location. On “German Day”, Eric Malitzke, Managing Director of Leipzig/Halle Airport, sat on a panel together with Minister Tiefensee and discussed the advantages of locating to the eastern German states of Saxony, Saxony-Anhalt and Thuringia. Stephan Blank, Managing Director of the freight broker EasternAirCargo, told a Chinese and international audience about the benefits of operating at Leipzig/Halle Airport.

China is considered an expansive market with an expected annual growth of 12–15% in airfreight volumes. Two years ago, the tradeshow which is organized by Messe München GmbH, attracted

On hand to open the “German Day” were Eric Malitzke, Managing Director of Leipzig/Halle Airport, Manfred Boes, President of the World Association of Carriers FIATA and the German Carriers and Logistics Association DSLV, Markus Kopp, Director of Central German Airports Group, and Wolfgang Tiefensee, Federal Minister of Transport (left to right)

214 exhibitors from 27 countries to China. Next year, “transport logistic” will again be held in Munich/Germany from June 12–15.

[www.transportlogistic-china.com](http://www.transportlogistic-china.com)



Dresden Airport

## ► Zurich within easier reach – connecting flights to New York City, Boston and Miami

**There are now more air links from the German state of Saxony to Switzerland, with Cirrus Airlines operating a third flight from Dresden to Zurich on Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays, plus one on Sundays.**



The additional flights leave Dresden at 11 a.m., arrival time is at 12.20 p.m. From Zurich there are connecting flights to major airports in the U.S., Italy and Spain, such as New York City, Boston, Miami, Rome, Venice and Barcelona.

In the opposite direction, Cirrus's Dornier 328 planes which seat a maximum of 39 passengers leave Zurich at 1.30 p.m. and land in Dresden at 2.50 p.m. The Sunday flight leaves Dresden at 6.15 p.m. and reaches Zurich at 7.35 p.m. It takes off again at 8.05 p.m. and lands in Dresden at 9.25 p.m.

Cirrus Airlines is operating more flights from Dresden

Tickets are available from travel agents, at [www.dresden-airport.de](http://www.dresden-airport.de) and from Cirrus Airlines at [www.cirrus-world.de](http://www.cirrus-world.de). Extra flights will operate until Oct. 26, for the time being.

Dresden Airport

## ► Environment-conscious – landscape gardeners compensate for lost greenery

**Even before work has started on Dresden Airport's new runway, landscape engineering is in full swing all around the future construction site.**



In September, gardeners employed by Waldwirtschaft Erzgebirge GmbH began to implement a number of steps specified in the landscaping plan that is part of the building project.

Outside the airport perimeter, a total of 30 hectares will be restructured. Woody plants will be planted over 7 hectares to make a new forest. Meadows are to be created on some 16 hectares, and on another 7 hectares a brook that was once forced through pipes will be returned to its old bed. Areas so far covered by shrubs and hedgerows will be upgraded with over 1,500 young trees and about 150 larger trees.

Compensation landscaping is part of the construction work for the new runway at Dresden Airport



Construction of the runway officially started this summer (as reported by "airmail"). By September next year the runway will have "shifted" some 70 m to the northwest and "grown" to a length of 2,850 m. Its width will have shrunk by 20 m to 60 m. Progress of the work which costs about € 52 mn can be followed online at [www.dresden-airport.de](http://www.dresden-airport.de).

Leipzig/Halle Airport

## ► Cargo Area South – joint venture to build cargo center

**Leipzig/Halle Airport is well on its way to becoming one of Europe's leading airfreight hubs.**



The DHL site is taking shape, and at the same time a cargo center is being erected to the south, which will be completed by mid-2007 and eventually handle over 200,000 tonnes of freight per year.

The companies behind the joint venture, GARBE LOGISTIC AG from Hamburg/Germany and Geo Mar BV from the Netherlands, will be the first to locate to the new cargo area. The operator, WORLD-CARGO-CENTER GmbH, will use an area of 35,325 sqm to build an airfreight warehouse with 20,000 sqm of floor space by June 2007, requiring an investment of about € 30 mn.

The first company has already settled in the new Cargo Area South of Leipzig/Halle Airport

The cargo center will have direct access to the apron. Also planned are offices with a total of 2,000 sqm, and parking lots for users of the airfreight building. The first tenant to move in is PortGround GmbH, a subsidiary of Central German Airports Group. The ground handling company has booked about 4,000 sqm of floor space.

Jens-Uwe Wittern, Director of GARBE LOGISTIC AG, said his company had selected the site not only because DHL was there. The decisive factor was the 24-hour operating license. There were not so many airports left in Germany that had such a license which was vital for handling airfreight.

Eric Malitzke, Managing Director of Flughafen Leipzig/Halle GmbH, commented on DHL's move that "work creates more work". Developing the freight business was "a major element in expanding the airport". The investment decision has underlined the potential Leipzig/Halle has to offer for airfreight and logistics companies.



### ▶ South freight handling area

- ▶ An unbuilt area of some 26 hectares is available in the airport's southern sector which is linked to Federal Road B6 (Leipzig-Halle) with four lanes and the A9 motorway (Berlin-Munich) and has a railway siding.
- ▶ An apron next to the area is 12 hectares large and can accommodate up to 6 big freightliners type AN 124 and A 380. Separate taxiways connect it to the runway system.

Leipzig/Halle Airport

### ▶ Important step – concrete is placed for new runway

**Major progress has been made in building the south runway, and the first concrete is to be placed in mid-October. This will be done around the clock all over the 3,600 m long and 60 m wide concrete strip which alone will be 40 cm thick.**



Construction had begun just over a year ago, on Aug. 31, 2005 with a symbolic sod-turning ceremony. The project is essential to the further expansion of the airport's infrastructure. The biggest chunk of work so far has been earthmoving. A total of 4.5 million m<sup>3</sup> has been transported within the airport perimeter, and differences in level have been equalized.

In the words of Carmen Zenker, group manager-ess for construction at Leipzig-Halle Airport, all air traffic surfaces will be completed by June 30, 2007. Of the 1.2 mn sqm provided for airline operations, 216,000 sqm alone will be for the runway. To this should be added taxiways and the apron for parking aircraft. Some 1,500 building workers and fitters

In mid-October building contractors at Leipzig/Halle Airport will start placing concrete for the new south runway

employed by 200 different firms are now active on the giant construction site. The airport's investment into the runway and apron will eventually reach € 290 mn.



## ▶ Regional economic news

### ▶ Set on a growth path

#### **The economies of the states of Saxony, Saxony-Anhalt and Thuringia are gaining momentum.**

A new ranking published by Initiative Neue Soziale Marktwirtschaft (INSM) and WirtschaftsWoche magazine gives Saxony-Anhalt 5th place, before Saxony, in what is known as the dynamics ranking. Thuringia has performed even better and, together with Saxony-Anhalt climbed up four places compared with last year. Standings were exclusively based on changes over the period from 2003 to 2005.

A ranking which lists only actual conditions showed no change from the previous year with Saxony in 9th place, Thuringia in 10th and Saxony-Anhalt in 12th place. The study compiled by INSM and WirtschaftsWoche and drawn up by economists working for IW Consult GmbH Köln uses 33 economic and local indicators, from GDP to the investment ratio, to compare the German states.

[www.insm.de](http://www.insm.de)

### ▶ AMD workforce more than doubles to 3,000

#### **AMD, the U.S. semiconductor supplier, has confidence in its manufacturing sites at Dresden where the foundation stone for its first factory was laid 10 years ago.**

While personnel at the time was scheduled to be 1,430, the 3000th member of staff has now been taken on. Of the AMD workforce who make the complete range of modern processors, over three quarters come from Saxony and another 14 % from eastern Germany, particularly Brandenburg and Thuringia.

### ▶ Soccer World Cup boosts image and demand

#### **Companies in the states of Saxony, Saxony-Anhalt and Thuringia have said that the 2006 Soccer World Cup mainly enhanced the image of the region (30%) and, secondly, created greater demand (28%) particularly by attracting more tourists and fans.**

Next were infrastructure improvements (20%) and a greater number of orders placed in the run-up to the event (18%). This is the result of a survey of 842 firms carried out by the Chambers of Industry, Commerce and Handicrafts in Halle and Leipzig.

The hotel and catering trade benefited most, with half of those polled in the Leipzig region reporting positive results. Sales revenue increased in 29 % of all restaurants and by as much as 40 % in and around Leipzig, which was clearly more than in neighboring Saxony-Anhalt.



### ▶ Amazon – from Leipzig into the world

**Amazon's new logistics center in Leipzig has opened and is shipping books etc. worldwide.**

The company plans to create up to 400 local jobs and expects to double its workforce in the 4th quarter which is the busy season for logistics operators.

The new site complements an existing shipping center at Bad Hersfeld and handles the complete range available from Amazon.de. It was selected particularly because of its strategic situation in central Europe and a pool of skilled labor in the catchment area. With a floor space of over 70,000 sqm, the facility is as large as 11 soccer fields.

### ▶ Miscellaneous

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#### ▶ Treasure chamber reopens

**Dresden, the capital of Saxony has been given back a historic attraction.**

In mid-September, the second half of the Green Vault treasure collection returned to Dresden castle, once the residence of the Wettin dynasty. Some 1,080 items had been on show on the first floor of the west wing for the last two years. Prior to that, Europe's richest treasure chamber had been accommodated at the Albertinum for over three decades.

The second exhibition, in the west wing on the ground floor, opened after extensive restoration work in time for celebrations to mark the 800th anniversary of Dresden's foundation. Some 3,000 works of art in baroque style are on display, including such showpieces as jewelry sets once designed for Augustus the Strong and his son shown in the Jewelry Room.

[www.skd-dresden.de](http://www.skd-dresden.de)



### ► Tourists keep coming to Dresden

**With over 4.45 million visitors in the first half of 2006, Dresden continued to be a major attraction, as can also be seen from a 20.9% increase (to 1.51 million) in overnight stays compared with the previous year. The city thus considerably exceeded Saxony's average of 8.3%.**

One of the favorite sights is the rebuilt Frauenkirche dedicated almost a year ago. As expected by Dresden-Werbung und Tourismus GmbH, the city's tourism agency, the opening of the second part of the Green Vault treasure collection will underpin the positive trend.

Dresden is particularly popular with visitors from the U.S., followed by Japanese and Swiss tourists. People from Austria and Sweden also came in much greater numbers, with a 20-percent-plus growth in bookings compared to last year.

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