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Erich Staake New Supervisory Board Chairman



Passing on the baton:
Willi Hermsen hands over leadership to Erich Staake (on right)

The annual general shareholders' meeting at Mitteldeutsche Flughafen AG on 23 November elected Erich Staake as the new chairman of the supervisory board. As a result, the company has gained a well-known representative of the transport and logistics sector.

Erich Staake, a graduate in business management, is chairman of the board at Duisburger Hafen AG (duisport). He has turned the port at Duisburg into the largest logistics centre in Europe. "Erich Staake will provide support for the successful course being pursued by Leipzig/Halle and Dresden Airports in future. His task will involve establishing the European logistics centre at Leipzig/Halle as a hub for flows of goods around the globe, but also developing passenger traffic at our airports," said Prof. Dr. Georg Unland, Saxon State Minister of Finances and representative of the majority shareholder.

The other new appointments to the supervisory board were Sven Morlok, Saxon State Minister for Economic Affairs, Labour and Transport, and Prof. Dr. Georg Frank, chairman of the board at the Industrial Initiative for Central Germany and a former managing director of Bayer Bitterfeld GmbH.

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The previous chairman of the supervisory board, Willi Hermsen, who celebrated his 70th birthday this year, had stepped down at his own request after serving five years in the position. The supervisory board acknowledged Hermsen's commitment to the expansion of Leipzig/Halle and Dresden Airports, most of which was completed during his time in office.

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International Marketing of the Halle-Leipzig Logistics Region during the Road Show Entitled "The Future of European Mobility: Germany's Next Generation of Airport Hubs: Leipzig/Halle and BBI"

Germany Trade & Invest, the company that promotes Germany's foreign trade, organized a series of events in the USA, Asia and selected European cities during 2009, the year that is now drawing to a close, with the support of the Federal Ministry of Transport, Building and Urban Development (BMVBS); the aim was to highlight investment potential in Eastern Germany and explain the opportunities and potential for investors.



Uli Köhler (right), Corporate Development and Policy Manager at Mitteldeutsche Airport Holding, waiting for people to arrive with Dr Rainer Schwarz, CEO at Berlin Airports

The series of events was specially designed for the Leipzig/Halle and Berlin airport region, as it is already clear that the strong growth levels in freight traffic at Leipzig/Halle Airport and the construction of BBI (Berlin Brandenburg International Airport) provide a unique opportunity for investments in Germany. Representatives from industry and investors from sectors with a close affinity to logistics were informed about current developments in the region at panel discussions and workshops held in Chicago, New York, Boston, Seoul, Shanghai, Hong Kong, Amsterdam, Moscow and London. Particular attention was paid to the thriving development of the freight hub at Leipzig/Halle. Many companies already operate their factories very close to the airport, including BMW, Porsche, Amazon, Dow Chemical and Dell.

Uli Köhler, Corporate Development and Policy Manager at Mitteldeutsche Airport Holding, accompanied the road show during the past few months and appeared as a key note speaker at all the events: "The Eastern German economic area is benefiting enormously from the development of sites like Leipzig/Halle. The series of events on three continents gave us an opportunity to not only arouse some interest in Leipzig/Halle, but in the whole Eastern German region. No wonder, for investors have an ideal constellation here of highly specialist workers, reasonable wage levels and outstanding infrastructure." It was possible to make a number of new contacts and deepen existing ones during the road show together with representatives of business promotion schemes in Saxony and Saxony-Anhalt, who were also present.

Constitutional Court Allows Night Flights at Leipzig/Halle

Leipzig/Halle Airport

The opponents of night flights at Leipzig/Halle Airport have failed once and for all in their attempt to halt them at the Constitutional Court. The court in Karlsruhe turned down several constitutional complaints from people living near the airport in two rulings published on 4 November. Among other things, they had taken legal action against the approval of night cargo flights.

The German Constitutional Court's rulings (file nos. BvR 3474/08 and 3522/08) have put an end to the legal dispute that has gone on for years. The judges declared that the interests of local residents with regard to noise protection had been adequately respected.

Saxon State Minister for Economic Affairs, Sven Morlok (FDP) said that he was "relieved that the planning permission given in 2007 had been upheld. The ruling strengthens Leipzig as a logistics base and secures many jobs in Saxony and Central Germany. This is a positive signal for the region, particularly in times of crisis." Airport manager Dierk Näther said that the court had confirmed that a balanced compromise had been found, "which takes into account both the interests of Leipzig/Halle Airport and the protection of local residents to an adequate degree."

Network Moves into Office at the Airport

The "Netzwerk Logistik Leipzig-Halle" (Leipzig/Halle Logistics Network) has moved into an office in Terminal B at the airport. This cooperation network, which was set up in 2008, involves logistics services providers, suppliers and shipping agents of all kinds of sizes and specialities, public administrative bodies, chambers and associations and research and education institutions, in order to expand the range of services available in the Leipzig/Halle logistics region.

More than 60 companies employing approx. 8,000 people and total turnover amounting to more than EUR 1.1 billion are now involved in the Leipzig/Halle Logistics Network. The chairman of the board, Toralf Weisse, explained to "airmail" the reasons for selecting this site: "First of all there is the central location – the airport is the logistics hub for our region. We are naturally also using the good reputation that the airport enjoys, which is based on its outstanding development. The airport also provides a certain level of neutrality; it provides a joint base for both federal states, Saxony-Anhalt and Saxony. After all, the members in our network come from both states – so this location does not



Toralf Weisse, Chairman of the Board at the "Leipzig-Halle Logistics Network"

provoke any conflict of interests regarding possible preferential treatment.”

What are your goals for 2010, Mr Weisse? “Naturally, we would like to expand the network’s profile and market the region at a national level. And what is really important – attract even more members.”

Airport Has Stand at Largest Eastern German Travel Exhibition

The five-day travel exhibition entitled “Tourism & Caravanning” in Leipzig closed its doors on 22 November with a record number of visitors. Leipzig/Halle Airport was also there with a stand at the largest travel fair in Eastern Germany.

The airport provided information about its winter timetable, parking opportunities and about travel links to the airport. The 20th edition of “Tourism & Caravanning” was a real visitor attraction and more than 1,000 exhibitors came from 45 countries. Many tour operators registered a significant rise in bookings this time in comparison with 12 months ago. Long distance holidays were very popular, including those to this year’s partner nation, the USA. 91 percent of exhibitors and 94 percent of visitors indicated in a survey that they wanted to return next year. The dates have already been set: 17 – 21 November 2010.



Delegation Explores Freight Hub

The Leipzig/Halle freight hub is viewed as a showcase project in the logistics sector. A delegation consisting of 30 people from the Black Sea area came to the airport on 24 November in order to find out more about its modern and efficient structures: delegates responsible for logistics policies in Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia, Moldova and Ukraine inspected the apron area and the World Cargo Center (WCC) during their trip.

The official visit from 22 to 28 November was organised as part of an EU-financed project to develop international logistics centres along the Europe/Caucasus/Asia corridor and was accompanied by representatives of the Directorate-General for Energy and Transport at the European Commission (DG TRAN).

New Quarantine Shed for Transporting Large Animals

Since Lufthansa Cargo set up its business operations at Leipzig/Halle and AeroLogic began flying in July 2009, demand for exporting live animals, particularly horses, has grown significantly. A large quarantine shed measuring 250 square metres will start operations at the airport on 30 November so that the animals are provided with the best possible care at all times.



The new shed in Kursdorf

It is equipped with heated boxes for large animals like horses, cows or sheep. The building also houses recreation rooms for the animal handlers and was built in line with current EU rules governing the import of animals. The airport has been licensed by the Federal Office of Consumer Protection since 2 September to not only import and handle farm animals in transit (according to Section 33a of the Animal Protection Transport Order), but also export them.

Airport Prepares for Anniversary Year in 2010

Festivals, jubilees and a great deal more are in store for visitors to Dresden International Airport next year: the airport celebrates its 75th anniversary in 2010, the airport's Internet site is being completely revamped and the Dixieland Festival will be held there for the 40th time.

Dresden International



Thousands are expected to attend the 5th Major Airport Festival

The first scheduled airline service landed at Dresden-Klotzsche on 11 July 1935 – so the airport can look back on 75 years of varied history. The airport will celebrate this anniversary with the 5th Major Airport Festival on 18 and 19 September. Pleasure flights, guided tours, aircraft presentations, exhibitions, music and special events where children can participate are all on the programme for the two days.

Next year will also see a complete revision of the Internet site and the inclusion of the latest technical and optical standards. The new Internet site is due to be given the go-ahead in the third quarter of 2010.

And finally: when the International Dixieland Festival in Dresden celebrates its 40th anniversary next spring, the airport will naturally be involved too – things will get going with “Blues, Boogie & Swing” in the terminal (including the Lamarotte jazz band and The Swingin’ Bluebirds) on 14 May (www.dixieland.de).

Airport Chaplain Appointed to International Position

M. Andreas Sembdner, the chaplain at Dresden Airport, has been granted a great honour: he was appointed the

official directory officer of the International Association of Civil Aviation Chaplains (IACAC) at the group's 42nd meeting in Lusaka (Zambia) on 9 September 2009.

Sembdner has been working for the IACAC board since 2003. A new website for the International Association of Civil Aviation Chaplains also went online in September: passengers can obtain information about the chaplain responsible for their airport by clicking on www.iacac.ws



Airport chaplain M.
Andreas Sembdner

Prime Minister Jean-Claude Juncker Lands in Dresden

The prime minister of the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg, Jean-Claude Juncker, landed at Dresden International Airport on 11 November. He met Saxony's state premier Stanislaw Tillich for an exchange of views in the state capital.

The key issues in their talks included overcoming the economic and financial crisis and providing support for key European technologies in the face of global competition. After the talks, Messrs Tillich and Juncker visited the Church of Our Lady together, where the prime minister spoke on the subject of "With Concern or Confidence – How the West Viewed the Collapse in the East".



After arriving at the airport, the prime minister rushed away for talks with state premier Stanislaw Tillich

From the Region

AutobahnExpress Expands Services between the Central German Airports

The AutobahnExpress has doubled its scheduled services between Leipzig/Halle Airport and Dresden International Airport from two to four trips a day since 31 October. The A14 fast service now operates at weekends too.

And there is one other piece of good news: the AutobahnExpress has also been operating from the centre of Leipzig and from Leipzig/Halle Airport to Kassel and Göttingen via Halle railway station. The A14 fast service has only been running since the end of September 2009 – but according to the operating company, it is already a "huge success".



The AutobahnExpress now operates between LEJ and DRS four times a day

Transport Ministers' Conference Gives Go-Ahead for Long-Distance Transport Projects

The transport ministers' conference for the German states took place in Heidelberg on 19 and 20 November. The attitude of the newly elected federal government to long-distance transport projects in Saxony was also on the agenda.

The conference agenda focussed on the rail link from Berlin to Prague via Dresden and the completion of the A72 motorway between Leipzig and Chemnitz, among other things. The result is very positive: "I am absolutely delighted at the clear and renewed commitment by Federal Transport Minister Dr. Peter Ramsauer to both projects. I assume that the federal government will soon register the new rail corridor from Dresden to Prague with the EU as a European rail transport project," said Saxon State Minister for Economic Affairs, Sven Morlok (FDP).

575th Dresden Striezelmarkt Opened

The date finally arrived on 26 November: Germany's oldest Christmas market opened its gates at the old market square for the people of Dresden and visitors from all over the world. The new arranged Striezelmarkt will be getting its guests in Christmas mood at the heart of the Saxon state capital until Christmas Eve.



Longer opening times at the Striezelmarkt this year

Visitors this year can look forward to longer opening times at the Dresden Striezelmarkt: the market at the heart of the city invites people to wander round from 10 a.m. until 9 p.m. every day and from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. on Christmas Eve. The 143 events at the Christmas market are being run by as many as 1,700 people from all over Saxony. More information can be found at www.striezelmarkt.de

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