

PRESS RELEASE

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## **Lebert and Noerpel plan collaboration**

- **The logistics SMEs are combining their businesses**
- **All employee's jobs are safe in future**
- **Lebert shares go to the Noerpel Group as of 01.01.2019**

**The establishments of the Lebert & Co. freight company in Kempten and Baienfurt/BadWaldsee (Ravensburg area) and the locations of the Noerpel Group in Kempten and Ravensburg will merge their business activities. This was announced in Ulm today by Lebert managing director André Biwer and Stefan Noerpel-Schneider, managing partner of the Noerpel Group. The shares in all Lebert & Co. companies will go to the Noerpel Group as of 1 January 2019.**

In the Kempten and Ravensburg area, the business activities of both establishments will be bundled at the current Lebert locations in Kempten and Baienfurt/Bad Waldsee. They will be managed by managing director André Biwer (currently managing director at Lebert), Peter Steidle (currently also managing director at Lebert) and Carsten Löhmann (currently branch manager at the Ravensburg Noerpel location). They will actively shape and accompany the integration process. Despite the size of the company, the SME structure of the individual companies will remain.

### **Bundled resources for a strong market position**

Both companies expect considerable advantages from the merger of business activities: "Lebert and Noerpel can use their joint resources for targeted and efficient handling of the market", said André Biwer. "That strengthens our position in the regions in which we want to further expand in the future. In this process, we continue to put our faith in the strong commitment of our employees, who benefit from this development and can look ahead confidently".

### **Forwards together in the south**

Lebert employs around 500 members of staff at locations in Kempten, Baienfurt/Bad Waldsee, and Kreuzlingen in Switzerland. The staff were informed of the plans on monday: “Every individual employee will be urgently needed going forward”, said André Biwer. “It is important to us to lead Lebert & Co. as a company and its employees into a positive, secure future”.

Employees from the freight departments at the Noerpel locations in Kempten and Ravensburg will provisionally be working at the nearby Lebert GmbH buildings in Kempten and Baienfurt/Bad Waldsee as of the first quarter of 2019. “This allows us to combine our expertise in freight and our fleet of vehicles in a sensible way”, said Stefan Noerpel-Schneider, managing partner of the Noerpel Group. “After all, it is only with a strong team which works well together, an expanded fleet and a modern IT and building structure that we will achieve sustainable production, a high level of network security and very high quality”.

### **Partners in Germany’s leading mixed cargo networks**

The Noerpel Group is one of the leading logistics service providers in southern Germany. Together with Lebert, the Noerpel Group now has over 15 locations in total, seven in Baden-Württemberg alone and three in Bavaria.

There are no changes for partner companies as a result of the merger. “We continue to rely on proven networks and therefore also on the cooperation with IDS and CargoLine”, said Stefan Noerpel-Schneider. Noerpel is a co-founder and partner of the German mixed cargo cooperation IDS (Interessengemeinschaft deutscher Spediteure – association of German freight companies). Lebert & Co. is a shareholder of CargoLine.

### **About Lebert & Co.**

The corporate Group Lebert & Co. was established in 1954 and joined CargoLine in 1999. Around 500 members of staff are employed in Kempten and the locations in Baienfurt/Bad Waldsee and Kreuzlingen (Switzerland). They move goods on a trans-shipment area of 17,000 square metres and a logistics area of over 50,000 square metres. All three locations are certified in line with DIN EN ISO 9001:2008, including HACCP concept and logistics services, DIN EN ISO 14001, 14064, DIN EN 16258, IFS and s.a.f.e. The Kempten and Baienfurt/Bad Waldsee locations are also recognised as Authorised Economic Operators (AEO) of the highest level, F. In 2003, 2008 and 2014, the Kempten location won the prize for 'CargoLine Partner of the Year'; the Swiss branch is regularly among the finalists in the ranking of 'International Partner of the Year'.

### **About the Noerpel Group**

Established in 1881, the Noerpel Group is today one of the leading transport and logistics service providers in Germany. Now in its fourth generation, the family-run company combines the service areas of transport and logistics with comprehensive co-packing services and its own personnel leasing department. In the area of transport, the Noerpel corporate Group provides domestic and international transportation by road and rail, as well as shipping worldwide by air and sea freight. As an all-round service provider, Noerpel supports its customers along the entire supply chain and provides comprehensive logistics services from a single source with employees who are experienced in the industry.

The head office of the Noerpel corporate Group is in Ulm. There and at the locations in Elsdorf, Freiburg, Hamburg, Hannover, Hilden, Heidenheim, Herbrechtingen, Munich, Kempten, Passau, Ravensburg and Villingen-Schwenningen, Noerpel employs approx. 1,800 employees. Kentner Kraftwagen-Spedition GmbH & Co. KG and Ascherl-Noerpel GmbH & Co. have been part of the corporate Group since 2012 and 2014, respectively. The Noerpel Group generated turnover of approximately 315 million euros in 2017.

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