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ALNO AG: Production is being continued – insolvency plan proceedings sought – Provisional creditors' trustee preparing to deal with the past

Pfullendorf, 2 August 2017 – Following completion of preparations on the technical and organisational side, kitchen production has restarted at ALNO AG's headquarters in Pfullendorf. In the interest of customers and creditors, the aim is to stabilise business operations as the basis for the further restructuring measures.

To meet orders already scheduled and to manufacture new products for orders received since 12 July, Saturday shifts have been introduced at Pfullendorf so that the backlog can be cleared in the best way possible. Newly ordered kitchens are to go into production from 28 August and start leaving the factory from September. Alongside new production, work will also focus on completing kitchens already delivered and those still being shipped out.

The factory in Enger, which primarily manufactures the kitchens from the Wellmann product line, is to follow by resuming production in the week commencing 7 August. The basis required for starting production of Pino kitchens in Coswig was created on 27 July with the insolvency loan. Here too, the aim is to re-start production in week 32.

Production had to be interrupted in order to secure the financing needed for business operations and to ensure that all of the obligations entered within the current proceedings can be met.

The provisional creditors' trustee, Prof. Dr. Martin Hörmann, and the provisional creditors' committee support the endeavours of the self-administering Board to continue and stabilise business operations.

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The aim is to restructure the ALNO Group within the scope of insolvency plan proceedings. In this context, the representatives of creditors, of the self-administering Board and the provisional creditors trustees are in agreement that a structured bidding process should be organised within a dual-track process usual in this constellation of proceedings. An M&A consultant has been commissioned to carry out an investor process for the entire ALNO Group.

Hörmann announced that the provisional creditors' trustees, in agreement with the provisional creditors' committee, has instructed a well-known firm of auditors as well as a specialised law firm to examine the periods before the insolvency petitions and provide their expert opinions. This was expected to produce findings as to whether and to which extent decisions were taken before the insolvency petitions that were contrary to the creditor's interests.

About the ALNO Group

The ALNO Group is one of Germany's leading kitchen manufacturers. ALNO produces a full range of kitchens for the German and international market at four international production facilities employing a total of around 1,900 members of staff. Working with over 6,000 sales partners, the ALNO Group operates in more than 64 countries around the world. In the financial year 2015, the company generated sales in the amount of € 522 million.

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