

Prevent Group expands its expertise in the premium leather sector

Prevent takes over Austrian leather producers Lederfabrik Vogl and retains all 120 employees, thus continuing a 170-year leather tradition.

Wolfsburg. With the takeover of Austrian leather producers Lederfabrik Vogl (with sites in Mattighofen and Mureck) from 1 February 2011, Wolfsburg-based automotive supplier Prevent becomes part of a 170 year-old tradition, as well as gaining the experience and expertise of the company's 120 employees. The Vogl factories complement Prevent Group's existing leather processing activities at its two established sites in Montbrun (France) and Visoko (Bosnia-Herzegovina).

Vogl – an established leather specialist with strong innovative drive

Vogl produces high-quality leather mainly for the automotive industry – with a main emphasis on the premium segment. The two Vogl sites produce high-quality leather for applications such as vehicle interior trim on doors, consoles, and head and arm rests on behalf of prestigious European automotive manufacturers.

Product initiative in the leather branch

“The expertise and experience of Vogl's employees increase the performance and competitiveness of the group as a whole”, commented Dennis Hanuschik, Head of Leather and Textiles at Prevent Group. He is in no doubt, “Vogl's modern development centre will give us a great basis for continued innovations in design, development and comfort.

Continuing growth through expansion of expertise

Thanks to this move, Prevent Group continues to expand through adding additional fields of competence. “Vogl is the ideal addition to our portfolio, so we were able to ensure the continued employment of all its 120 employees”, explained Dennis Hanuschik. Lederfabrik Vogl became insolvent in October 2010, and has since been operated as a rescue and transitional company under the name Mattighofen. In addition to the two sites, Prevent Group will also acquire all key insolvency assets. The official takeover date is planned for 01.02.2011 following a comprehensive legal review.

About Prevent

Prevent Group is a global company that operates in the automotive industry. We employ more than 10,000 people at 35 locations around the world. Our portfolio ranges from manufacturing textile and leather car seat covers, EPP and injection-moulded parts, SKD/CKD assembly to brake discs and operating one of the most modern leather tanneries in Europe. The Prevent Group continues to expand its portfolio through the acquisition of companies with a rich business tradition such as Eybl Austria (textiles), Prevent Glass (glass processing), Prevent TWB (metal seat structures) and Prevent Gaenslen & Völter (textiles). In this way, both the spectrum of services we offer and our number of production sites around the world continue to grow.

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