

## Caramba Holding GmbH

Participation in the Christian Maurer GmbH, Tegee  
Clean & Care

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The german Caramba Holding GmbH, Künzelsau, as  
chemical division of the Berner group of  
companies, participates by the majority in the  
Christian Maurer GmbH effective from October 21<sup>st</sup>,  
2008. Therewith the activities in the chemical  
sector are strengthened under consolidation of the  
Caramba Holding GmbH.

Between Maurer and the company Tegee Chemie in  
Bremen belonging to Caramba, there was already  
existing a long lasting distribution partnership.

The take over is still waiting for approval through the Austrian antitrust authority.  
It was agreed to maintain silence in regards of the purchase price.

The company group Christian Maurer GmbH – Tegee Clean & Care is the leading full-  
range supplier of products for clean, care and maintenance as well as for  
supplementary services with focus on motor vehicles in the Austrian and South  
Eastern Europe market.

Main focus of the company is the cooperation with mineral oil companies and the  
automobile trade, as well as the independent business model „Clean & Care“, which is  
offered to the professional car wash machine clients as full-range service package.  
The established subsidiaries in Budapest (Hungary) and Bucharest (Romania) are  
belonging to the group. Further foundations in South Eastern Europe are planned and  
in preparation.

62 employees, thereof 26 working in the field, have generated a consolidated turn-  
over of more than ten million Euro in the past business year (31.12.2007). The figures  
for the actual year underline the dynamic growth of the company in a very positive



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way by a high two digit increment. With the connection to Caramba and Berner there is the chance to found and develop the region of South Eastern Europe even more successful. Nothing will be changed within the existing subsidiaries.

The Berner group is a direct marketing company acting Europe-wide, which has specialised in the trade with small parts (consumables and tools) for the professional utilization in the construction and automobile handcraft, as well as for industry. All the activities with chemicals are merged under the chemical division of Caramba Holding GmbH. In the business year 2007/08 the trade company achieved a turn-over of 870 millions of Euro.