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Langendorf opens new plant in Poland

The Langendorf Polska production site was founded on 1 July and officially put into operation on 1 November. The new Wieluń location lies in the immediate vicinity of the parent company, Wielton, and produces smart-line semi-lowloaders for payloads of up to 47 t and components for Langendorf Group vehicles. Production of heavy low-bed semi-trailers for higher loads remains at the parent plant in Waltrop.

The new production site is a necessity due to the fact that the Langendorf Group is experiencing a growth phase and planning a significant increase in capacity. Although the planned construction of the new plant in Waltrop is still in the approval phase, it should now be possible to fall back on the existing capacity cushion and ensure adequate capacity during the relocation.

Currently, Waltrop's available space is a limiting factor for the ever-increasing demand for low-loaders with tippers. The new location will also serve as a manufacturing site for other Langendorf Group components. This allows the long-established company to significantly expand capacities, as vehicles and components will be produced in series standard at the new location – with corresponding positive effects on delivery times.

'Our location in Poland complements our production capacities and gives us the opportunity to add a complete range of standard vehicles to our low-loader offerings, in addition to the sophisticated five axle and multi-axle vehicles,' says Dr Klaus P. Strautmann, Managing Director of Langendorf Polska.

'We're supplementing our manufacturing capacities with the new location – making it possible for us to produce even more components in-house in the future. The essential engineering services will remain in Waltrop, although we're very happy to have brought very skilled and well-trained employees into our team in Poland as well – a really positive addition to the Langendorf team. In addition, we can fall back on the KTL painting in our parent plant, which puts us light years ahead,' according to Dr Strautmann.

The immediate proximity of the plant to the parent company, Wielton, offers further advantages. The Polish commercial vehicle manufacturer has one of the most modern test facilities for complete vehicles in Europe. There, the smart-line vehicles are given a complex technical inspection. Additionally, Wielton has a state-of-the-art paint shop.

The new plant is 10,000 m² and has employed 68 people since beginning production. In addition to producing components for the Waltrop site, production of 8–

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10 semi-trailers per month is already planned; this will be significantly expanded in the coming year through further additions to the Langendorf production programme.

‘We’re very much looking forward to commissioning the new site,’ says Dr Strautmann. ‘It frees up capacity for heavy low-loader production in Waltrop and concentrates a sub-segment of our low-loader expertise at one location. Having the additional colleagues in Wieluń relieves the employees at the main plant and helps everyone a lot. All in all, Langendorf Polska is a win-win situation not just for Langendorf, but of course our customers as well – delivery times will be shorter as a result,’ sums up the Managing Director of the two plants.

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Picture 1: The new Langendorf Polska production site in Wieluń. This is where the series standard smart-line low-loaders are produced.

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Founded in 1889, the company is based in Waltrop (eastern Ruhr region). Around 310 employees produced more than 1,400 vehicles in 2021. The product range includes inloaders for the transport of prefabricated elements made of concrete, bricks or wood and inloaders for flat glass. The fixed product range also includes tipper trailers with steel or aluminium bodies, tipper bodies for motor vehicles and low-loader semi-trailers. In addition, a wide variety of special bodies are designed and

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manufactured in Waltrop according to customer specifications. Langendorf Service GmbH, which bundles maintenance and repairs, and Langendorf Trading GmbH, in charge of pan-European marketing of used vehicles and rentals, also belong to the company group. Langendorf Polska has been part of the Langendorf Group since July 2021; it manufactures the smart-line series semi-trailers in Wieluń, Poland. Langendorf is certified according to ISO 9001:ff and ensures consistent high quality through extensive testing processes, as well as continuous training and further education of all employees. The complete range is available online 24/7 at www.langendorf.de. Langendorf has been part of the listed Polish Wielton Group since May 2017.

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