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Expansion at Bahnhofstreet only conditionally feasible

## **Langendorf expands office building with containers until new factory is built**

*Despite the long approval period for the new planned plant on the motorway, the traditional Waltrop-based company is focusing on growth and is strengthening its team with new young engineers, especially in the design department.*

Due to the construction of a new vehicle factory in Poland and because of many innovation projects, the demand on Langendorf's design department has increased considerably. "With the decision that Waltrop will remain the central design centre for all our plants, we had to create new capacities" explains the technical manager of the Langendorf Group, Ralf Bockelmann. However, since all possibilities on the site on Bahnhofstreet were already fully exhausted, creative solutions were sought. "Our first idea was to rent office space nearby and to outsource part of the construction to create more space for other areas" adds Managing Director Dr Klaus Strautmann. The decisive factor for the decision to build several office containers directly next to the administration building was the argument and the voices of the employees that the distances between the development department and production must be as short as possible in order to enable a seamless exchange. Already in the current year, five young engineers will join the team and strengthen the development of tippers, Inloaders, low loaders and innovative projects. The official move into the new temporary premises will take place at the beginning of May.

At the same time, the planning steps for the new plant at the Waltrop city limits are underway. A modern, state-of-the-art commercial vehicle factory will be built, where innovative trailers for the whole world will be produced on 13,000 m<sup>2</sup> of hall space. Currently, a variety of concepts are still being evaluated with regard to sustainability and ecologically optimal production. In the Wielton Group, the planned production facility already bears the title "Green Factory". "Langendorf is currently very satisfied with the support we are receiving, especially from the administration and also from Mayor Mittelbach," adds Dr. Strautmann about the ongoing planning. In June, the development plan for Dicken Dören is to be approved by the Waltrop city council.

Press release



Picture 1: Assembly office container



Image 2: Office container outside

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## Langendorf GmbH

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 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](http://www.langendorf.de). Langendorf has been part of the listed Polish Wielton Group since May 2017.