

Press release

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TRIDEC joins JOST World

With the integration of the Dutch company TRIDEC, JOST World will expand its programme of systems, modules and components for the commercial vehicle to include systems for forced steerings and independent wheel suspensions. The corresponding agreement has already been signed by the Managing Director of TRIDEC, Toon van Genugten, and the CEO of JOST World, Lars Brorsen.

Subject to the approval of the Monopolies and Mergers Commission, JOST World GmbH with headquarters in Neu-Isenburg (Germany) will acquire the entire company of Dutch TRIDEC BV with effect from January 1st, 2008. Van Genugten, who also founded the company, will remain the Managing Director. He views the agreement with JOST as meeting all the requirements to enable continued long-term growth of the manufacturer of forced steering for trailers and independent wheel suspensions. "In JOST we have found a partner with an outstanding set up world-wide in both production and sales of components for the commercial vehicle industry. TRIDEC can only benefit from this integration" Toon van Genugten explains. Since its foundation in 1992, TRIDEC has achieved sustained growth every year.

Lars Brorsen is pleased to welcome TRIDEC as another strong and successful product brand into the JOST Group. "With the high-quality, technically advanced systems and components of TRIDEC, we will be able to offer our customers extended solutions for their products. In addition to already existing markets, we aim to offer the successful systems for forced steering and independent wheel suspensions to new markets." TRIDEC is currently predominantly active in Europe.

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As the only independent developer and producer of trailer steering systems, TRIDEC has become a synonym for forced steering in Europe. The expertise of TRIDEC develops and produces beyond mechanical steering systems also hydraulic and electronic controlled steering systems for trailers. They offer independent suspensions for double-deck and glass-transport trailers as well as for hydraulic suspensions and swinging axles. The TRIDEC systems can be utilised in all application ranges, from a single axle city-trailer up to a 250 t hydraulic steered transport platform.

The company has a total of 160 employees at its two production sites in Son near Eindhoven in Holland (development, assembly and sales) and Murtede-Cantanhede in Portugal (production).

JOST is the worldwide leading producer of vehicle connection systems, modules and components for truck & trailer. Under the umbrella brand name of JOST, the comprehensive range of products is subdivided into three areas. The JOST brand includes fifth wheel couplings, telescopic landing gears and accessories for semi-trailers, ball bearing turntables, king pins and container locks and components for alternating systems. Under the traditional brand name of ROCKINGER, the company produces towing hitches and drawbar eyes for both transporters and trucks, as well as for use in the agricultural industry. With REGENSBURGER ZUGGABEL, JOST completes its range of products for coupling technology with towing drawbars for both road and agricultural use. JOST is the only supplier that can provide its products and services throughout the world. The company is located everywhere, with distribution, production and development on all continents. With production plants in Germany, Spain, Hungary, Poland, Romania, the USA, Brazil, Australia, South Africa, China and India, JOST is the global partner of choice for the commercial vehicle industry. JOST employs around 2000 employees worldwide.