

**Press Release**

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## **JOST Group signs agreement with Daimler AG on the acquisition of Mercedes-Benz TrailerAxleSystems**

**JOST Group and Daimler AG have successfully concluded their negotiations on the acquisition of Mercedes-Benz TrailerAxleSystems. Following completion of the transaction, JOST Group will be one of the largest manufacturers of trailer axles in Europe.**

JOST Group, the world's leading producer of vehicle connection components for systems, modules and components for trucks & trailers, acquires Mercedes-Benz TrailerAxleSystems effective 1 January 2015, subject to the approval of the antitrust authorities. This was announced by Lars Brorsen, CEO of JOST Group, after signing the purchase agreement on Monday 27 October 2014. Both parties agreed not to disclose the purchase price. After the takeover of UK based Edbro in 2012, JOST Group with this acquisition takes the next major step in expanding its international business activities.

CEO Lars Brorsen: "We are delighted to welcome Mercedes-Benz TrailerAxleSystems to JOST Group. The company's strong and well established products are a natural strategic extension of our product portfolio."

Norbert Rehbein, responsible for TrailerAxleSystems at Mercedes-Benz: "The integration into JOST Group is the right step into a successful future. Going forward we will be part of a dynamically growing supplier of system solutions for the commercial vehicle industry. JOST's global presence will support us in driving our international expansion."

Following the acquisition by JOST, the customers of Mercedes-Benz TrailerAxleSystems will continue to obtain all current products at the usual high level of quality. The administrative functions of Mercedes-Benz TrailerAxleSystems will be newly structured and integrated into the JOST organization beginning January 2015.

Since 1996, Mercedes-Benz TrailerAxleSystems has been active in the production of commercial vehicle axles for the European market. Today the company is one of Europe's largest producers of trailer axle systems.

**About JOST:**

*JOST is the world's leading producer of vehicle connection components for systems, modules and components for trucks & trailers. Under the umbrella brand JOST, the comprehensive range of products is broken down into four areas: The JOST brand includes fifth wheel couplings, telescoping landing gears and accessories for semi-trailers, ball bearing turntables, king pins and container locks as well as components for alternating systems. Under the traditional brand name of ROCKINGER, the company produces towing hitches, drawbar eyes and towing drawbars for both transporters and trucks, as well as for use in the agricultural industry. TRIDEC is the leading provider of steering systems and single wheel suspensions for trailers. EDBRO is the leading company in the field of vehicle-mounted hydraulic systems. Its range includes front and underfloor dump trucks and trailers and extension cylinders, as well as customer-specific hydraulic construction kits.*

*JOST is the only supplier that can provide its products and services all around the world. The company is located everywhere, with distribution, production and development on all continents. With sales and production facilities in 18 countries, JOST is the global partner of choice for the commercial vehicle industry. JOST employs over 2,500 staff worldwide.*

**About Mercedes-Benz TrailerAxleSystems:**

*Although only launched in 1996, Mercedes-Benz TrailerAxleSystems is today one of Europe's most renowned and largest producers of trailer axles. The DCA Family series of axles from Mercedes-Benz TrailerAxleSystems is the benchmark with respect to transport economy and efficiency. The basic trailer axle model, DCA Weightmaster, is the universal axle for virtually all applications. DCA Megamaster is the specialist for mega-trailers with low ride heights. DCA Airmaster is the world's first and only axle with compressed air storage in the axle housing for the autonomous supply to the air suspension and brakes. DCA Steermaster is the answer to the demand for steered trailer axles. The DCA Family is extended by the DCA Pavemaster for road construction vehicles and by the DCA Railmaster for combined road-rail-sea transport. All axles are designed to handle axle loads of nine tonnes and single-tyre wheel dimensions of 22.5 inches and 19.5 inches.*

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