

PRESS RELEASE

Simon Hegele expands automotive business

- **Simon Hegele Automotive Solutions GmbH founded as a wholly-owned subsidiary at the Karlsdorf locations**
- **Acceleration of growth and expansion of expertise in the automotive sector**
- **Karim-Oliver Darvich takes over sole management of the company**

Karlsruhe, June 18, 2024: Simon Hegele Automotive Solutions GmbH was founded on June 17, 2024. The new company is a wholly-owned subsidiary of logistics service provider Simon Hegele Gesellschaft für Logistik und Service mbH and is taking over 137 employees and trainees at the Karlsdorf-Neuthard location from its parent company by way of a transfer of operations. The business purpose of Simon Hegele Automotive Solutions is the provision of customized logistics and services for customers in the automotive industry.

The Karlsdorf location has already established itself in the automotive market through existing customer relationships with services in the areas of production line supply, spare parts logistics and value added services for OEMs. Spurred on by these previous successes and the in-depth expertise that already exists, the logistics service provider is now pushing ahead with the expansion of the automotive business with its own company.

"In the dynamic automotive market, flexibility and fast decision-making processes are important factors for our customers to be successful. By establishing an independent company at the Karlsdorf location in this special area, we will be able to use our strengths in an even more targeted manner in the future and thus meet our customers' requirements for speed and flexibility in the long term," explains Karim-Oliver Darvich, Managing COO of Simon Hegele in the Industry & Retail sector and future Managing Director of Simon Hegele Automotive Solutions GmbH.

"Based on the in-depth expertise of our employees and the excellent references with long-standing partners, we see considerable potential for entering into and expanding further value-added partnerships along complex supply chains in the automotive sector.

The industry-specific name of the new company also offers an increased target group-specific perception that will play a role in the future, especially in terms of sales," says Stefan Ulrich, CEO of the Simon Hegele Group, giving an insight into the vision and goals.

About the Simon Hegele Group

The Simon Hegele Group is one of the most innovative service providers along complex supply chain processes. The principles of "more than just logistics" and "we make healthcare work" have been the driving force for the further development of the group and its services for many years. Simon Hegele offers customers from the healthcare, pharmaceutical, industry and retail sectors at over 50 locations worldwide highly specialized value-added services tailored to the respective customer processes and supports them in focusing on their respective core competencies.

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