

Aircraft extension: F. List purchases the insolvent OHS Aviation counselled by Hogan Lovells and Grama

The Lower Austrian aircraft outfitter F. List has expanded its business throughout the purchase of OHS Aviation Services. The Cottbus District Court had opened insolvency proceedings under self-administration on the East German company in November.



Bernd Grama

F. List is planning to expand its range of planning and installation services for aircraft interiors. The company from Thomasberg took over the OHS employees; Managing Director Ornulf Hilarius has also remained. At the beginning of insolvency proceedings OHS employed 37 people. The company, which is based in Berlin-Schönefeld, maintains offices in Stuttgart, Basel and Wildau in Brandenburg.

Since the Grand Senate of the Federal Finance Court (Bundesfinanzhof, BFH) in Munich declined the decree of restructuring of the German Ministry of Finance in November (Az. GrS 1/15), the parties switched from an originally planned share deal to an asset deal. Its closing took place in early April. The assets of the target company were transferred to a German subsidiary of F. List, which has been set up for this purpose. OHS is handled by a trustee.

In 1950 F. List arose out of a joinery and now employs around 690 people in Thomasberg and in São José dos Campos in Brazil. At a new location in Montréal, the company plans to go into production with 30 employees in the third quarter. One of the company's most important customers is Lufthansa Bombardier Aviation Services, a joint-venture of the German airline, the Canadian aircraft and rail vehicle manufacturer and the Luxembourg private jet operator ExecuJet Aviation.

Consultants F. List

Hogan Lovells (Munich): Dr. Heiko Tschauner, Dr. Maximilian Baier (both restructuring/insolvency law), Dr. Falk Loose (tax law); Associates: Christine Borries (restructuring/insolvency law), Dr. Peter Lang (corporate law), Dr. Silvia Lang (labour law), Dr. Andreas Eggert (tax law)

Grama Schwaighofer Vondrak (Vienna): Dr. Bernd Grama (corporate law), Monika Schwaighofer (labour law)

Interim Managing Director OHS Aviation

Buchalik Brömmekamp (Berlin): Dr. Lojowski; Associate: Bartosz Zdanowicz

Trustee OHS Aviation

BBL Bernsau Brockdorff (Berlin): Dr. Florian Linkert – known within the market

Background: Grama Schwaighofer Vondrak has been consulting F. List for years, while partner Bernd Grama chairs in the Supervisory Board of the company. The Viennese law office consulted the attorneys of Hogan Lovells in Germany for the purchase; both law offices are consistently working together.

After the transaction was closed, Michael Lojowsky was dismissed from his position as interim Managing Director by the Cottbus District Court. In April, he changed from the Berlin law and tax office Buchalik Brömmekamp to Schultze & Braun, specialising in restructuring and insolvency administration.

According to JUVE-information, Trustee Florian Linkert managed the purchase without further legal counsels. His former office, LB Ludwig Linkert Binder Birkmann merged with the Berlin unit BBL Bernsau Brockdorff at the end of March. With Linkert two partners, three associates and a team of around 40 people affiliated with BBL. (Raphael Arnold)