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## **Still on course to success with new management**

### **Panopa's Hambach location again receives award from smart France**

Panopa Logistique France SARL, the French subsidiary of Panopa Logistik GmbH, has had an additional Managing Director since April 2010. 46-year-old Charles Braun, another experienced executive appointed to top management from the company's own ranks, now joins Managing Directors Rüdiger Buß and Dr. Andreas Hucht. Ever since he was assigned to Panopa's Hambach location in 2008, Braun has constantly inputted his experience in the company. He looks back on 14 years of work in automobile production in Saarland, primarily focusing on quality management and logistics activities during that period.

Back in March of last year Charles Braun, then still head of the Hambach location, received the "Prix d'Honneur" certificate as an award to the company for exceptional logistics services and their application in the smart production process. This year, too, the prize for services again went to Panopa. Dr. Marcus Nicolai, president von smart France, indicated how impressed he was by the company's efficiency at the presentation of awards.

On a total area of 10,000 square metres Panopa Logistique France SARL has been operating a vendor and consignment warehouse since 1997 where it temporarily stores various parts for smart France SAS and its system partners, allocates them based on the bin and supplies them to the assembly line just in time.

It was possible to reduce the truck waiting times many times over and prevent congestion on the plant grounds by means of preliminary posting and by introducing an Internet-based space reservation platform.

Besides transportation fleet management and a perfected logistics concept, a well-meshed team of specialists is responsible for the increase in efficiency at the Hambach location. Here it is necessary to coordinate 120 suppliers in such a way that the complex warehouse management system functions smoothly.



Charles Braun appreciates his staff and, as new Managing Director, looks forward to tackling the challenges of the market and always staying a step ahead of the competition through maximum quality standards.

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