

PRESS RELEASE

The logo for Schwarz Produktion, featuring the word "SCHWARZ" in white uppercase letters above the word "PRODUKTION" in white uppercase letters, both set against a dark blue square background.

Schwarz Produktion Plans to Acquire Eystrup-based Jam and Honey Manufacturer Göbber

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Schwarz Produktion Stiftung & Co. KG plans to acquire the operational subsidiaries of Mayntz GmbH, specifically Göbber GmbH, DHI GmbH, Eystruper Land GmbH and Friedrich Göbber GmbH. The Göbber Group has been making premium fruit jams and honey for more than 135 years. Schwarz Produktion will continue to operate the business together with the experienced staff and thereby expand its product portfolio. The closing of the transaction is subject to approval by the antitrust authorities and is planned for Q3 2025. The parties have agreed not to disclose the purchase price.

The production site of the Göbber Group in Eystrup, Lower Saxony, will continue operations under the umbrella of Schwarz Produktion. Göbber was founded in 1888 as a family-owned business. It currently has 350 employees and annual sales of 70,000 tonnes of fruit spreads and honey. Schwarz Produktion thereby continues to pursue its strategy to ensure security of supply for its customers.

"A solid company steeped in tradition, Göbber is known for its quality products for good reason and is a key partner for jams and honey," said Sandro Lemmrich, CFO of Schwarz Produktion. "By acquiring Göbber, we can draw on valuable know-how and ensure long-term security of supply for our customers when it comes to high-quality fruit spreads and honey. We are setting the standard for future-proof production with top quality and dependability."

Michael Mayntz, shareholder of Mayntz GmbH adds: "The Göbber Group has made great advances in the past few years under the leadership of Michael Berghorn and his team. The decision to become part of Schwarz Produktion was carefully considered. Under the umbrella of Schwarz Produktion, stability and security are ensured for the future as well. As a family-owned business, we took great pains in choosing our partner to ensure that we shared common values. That is the basis for adding further chapters to Göbber's success story, now in a new formation."

The site in Eystrup will be Schwarz Produktion's second in Lower Saxony. MEG Lönigen has been operating in Lönigen since 2001 as a producer of beverages and mineral water for the retail companies Lidl and Kaufland and employs around 270 employees.

About Schwarz Produktion Stiftung & Co. KG

Schwarz Produktion is the umbrella brand of the production facilities of Schwarz Group. In total, over 6,000 employees in companies of Schwarz Produktion throughout Germany produce high quality food, sustainable packaging and other materials for the retail chains Lidl and Kaufland. In addition to mineral water and soft drinks, Schwarz Produktion companies also make chocolate, dried fruits, baked goods, coffee, pasta products, ice cream and paper. In addition, the company's three plastics and recycling plants make up the central component of a one-of-a-kind PET recycling loop, producing PET preforms made largely of 100 percent recycled

material. From its headquarters in Weißenfels (Saxony-Anhalt), the Schwarz Produktion Stiftung provides essential organisational and administrative functions for its manufacturing companies. Approximately 500 employees in central departments, such as sales, product management, quality, procurement, finance, controlling, HR, IT, etc., ensure smooth production processes.

About Schwarz Group

Schwarz Group is an international leader in the retail industry with around 14,200 stores and approximately 595,000 employees. In the 2024 fiscal year, the companies of Schwarz Group generated total revenue of 175.4 billion euros. With their unique ecosystem, they cover the entire value cycle — from production and retail to recycling and digitalization. They create solutions that make life safer, healthier and more sustainable, both right now and in the future — they act ahead.

Lidl and Kaufland form the pillars of the food retail market and are an integral part of the daily lives of customers in 32 countries. Many of their private-label products and a large proportion of their sustainable packaging come directly from Schwarz Produktion. Through its recycling management solutions, the environmental service provider PreZero promotes a functional circular economy and is investing in a cleaner future. The IT and digital division, Schwarz Digits, provides compelling digital products and services that meet the high German data protection standards, thus ensuring the maximum degree of digital sovereignty. As a partner service provider, Schwarz Corporate Solutions assists the companies of Schwarz Group with all matters related to administration, HR, operational activities and everything in between.

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