

## OWNER BUYOUT

**Ziemann Sicherheit GmbH**

Location	Schallstadt
Sector	Business support services
Founded	1956
Turnover	€45m

**HANNOVER Finanz**

€&lt;25m

**Investors**

HANNOVER Finanz has acquired a majority stake in money and valuables transport company Ziemann Sicherheit GmbH in the framework of an owner buyout. The transaction was aimed at consolidating the company's shareholder structure, with Hans-Jörg Hisam remaining a stakeholder and becoming sole CEO, while his brother Manuel Hisam has wholly sold his stake. The investment ensures the company's independence from the family's estate.

The company is active in a market undergoing consolidation, with new EU regulations enabling money transport companies to check money bills in-house rather than transport them between companies and the German Federal Bank.

**Debt**

No debt details were disclosed.

**Company**

Ziemann Sicherheit GmbH, founded in 1956, transports money and valuables. The company offers cash handling, which entails the treatment and packaging of bank notes for retail, various industries and the ATMs of banks. The company, which is active in southern Germany, generated a turnover of €45m in 2007 and has 10 offices.

**People**

Volker Tangemann handled the investment for HANNOVER Finanz.

## BUYOUT

**Berentzen Group AG**

Location	Haselünne
Sector	Food products
Founded	1758
Staff	700
Turnover	€432.7m

**AURELIUS**

€&lt;25m

**Investors**

Listed industrial holding AURELIUS AG has acquired 75.1% of the common shares of beverages company Berentzen Group AG from the owning families Berentzen, Wolff, Pabst and Richarz for an undisclosed sum. MM Warburg advised the family owners on the sales process and approached AURELIUS.

The investor has made a public takeover offer for the remaining shares, offering €2.65 per share. AURELIUS plans to build on the company's brand portfolio and establish the traditional brands as lifestyle brands in the market and to drive expansion into international markets.

**Debt**

No debt was involved in the transaction.

**Company**

Berentzen Group AG produces alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages for the German market under brands such as Puschkin, Doornkaat, Bommerlunder and Berentzen. In the fiscal year 2007, the company reported a turnover of €432.7m and was loss-making. The company was founded in 1758 and employs a staff of 700.

**People**

Donatus Albrecht handled the transaction for AURELIUS.