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Thule acquires Anhaenger-center.com, a leading German rental trailer company

Malmö, May 8th, 2006 - Thule, the world leader in Sports Utility Transportation, announces the acquisition of anhaenger-center.com, a leading German rental trailer company. Anhaenger-center.com is family owned. The company is based in Neu Ulm showing annual sales of €2.5 million (23 MSEK) with good profitability.

“Germany has a huge potential when it comes to the Rental concept”, says Kenneth Lundahl, Division President for Thule’s Trailer division. “Anhaenger-center.com is a very good hub to enter the German market utilizing our know-how of the Scandinavian Rental system”, Kenneth Lundahl continues.

“We welcome Thule as our new owner. The strong international brand and the support from the Thule Rental organization will be vital to capture further growth in the German market”, says Thomas Fichte, owner of Anhaenger-center.com.

Germany has around 55 million cars of which around 6 million have towbars. The Rental market is strongly expanding foremost through new establishments at gas stations. Anhaenger-center.com is the only full service provider on the German market and has seen double digit growth rates since its start in 2001. During the integration phase anhaenger-center.com will change name to Thule Rental.

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About Thule

The Thule Group is the world leader within Sports Utility Transportation delivering transportation solutions for active families and outdoor enthusiasts wanting to transport their equipment by vehicles safely, easily and in style. The product portfolio comprises load carriers for cars such as rooftop boxes, roof rails and bike carriers. Additionally, the company offers snow chains, trailers as well as accessories for motor homes and caravans. Thule has 2,300 employees at over 20 production and sales units on all major car markets in North America, Europe, Africa and Asia. Sales in 2005 amounted to SEK 3.2 billion (approx €340 M). Thule AB is based in Malmö, Sweden, and majority owned by the UK-based private equity firm Candover. More information at www.thule.com.

