

Announcement of the Liquidator of Weidenareal Metall Ltd. (WAM, formerly Swissmetal Industries Ltd.) to the creditors and media

## **Sale of Swissmetal-land in Dornach to HIAG Immobilien Group**

Bern, 7 October 2014. WAM is the owner of the Swissmetal-land (approx. 130'000 m<sup>2</sup>), which is part of the so-called "Widen" area.

Today, the Liquidator and the Creditors' Committee approved the sale of the Swissmetal-land to the HIAG Immobilien Group.

In view of the sale of land, the Liquidator, Dr. Fritz Rothenbühler, initiated two years ago, on the one hand, an assessment of the prospective possible uses of the land (Masterplan "Birsbogen") and, on the other hand, a broad-based and structured sales process.

At the same time, in co-ordination with the Canton Solothurn, the community of Dornach prepared a so-called spatial concept ("räumliches Teilleitbild") for the "Widen" area, which provides for a mixed use of the area (industry, commerce, housing). On 28 September 2014, the citizens of Dornach adopted by a large majority the spatial concept ("räumliches Teilleitbild"), which includes the Swissmetal-land.

During the sales process, various interested parties had submitted their offers for the purchase of the Swissmetal-land in several bidding rounds. The sales process showed clearly that the potential buyers are exclusively interested in purchasing land with a mixed-use possibility, which the spatial concept ("räumliches Teilleitbild") provides for.

HIAG Immobilien Group submitted the best offer of all the interested parties. The decision of the Liquidator and the Creditors' Committee awarding the contract considered various criteria, including the purchase price and transaction risks. The parties have agreed not to disclose the purchase price.

The sale of the land to HIAG Immobilien Group can be completed after the so-called schedule of encumbrances ("Lastenverzeichnis") has entered into legal force and the necessary authorizations have been granted.

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**For further information**

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