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NEWS RELEASE

German-British Chamber publishes new editions of its subsidiary databases

The German-British Chamber of Industry & Commerce has published new, extended editions of its databases “German Subsidiary Companies in the United Kingdom” and “British Subsidiary Companies in Germany”. For the first time, these databases are now available to purchase separately. Containing more than 1,300 subsidiaries in the UK with their German parent companies and more than 750 subsidiaries in Germany with their UK parents, respectively, these databases contain over 4,000 companies and are both unique and comprehensive.

The databases include limited (ltd) and public limited (plc) companies as well as partnerships and branches. Where available, the subsidiaries include the following information: name, address, telephone and fax number, e-mail, website, contact persons, number of employees, turnover, year of foundation, type of company and industrial sector or product/service area.

Sven Riemann, Head of Marketing Services, who led the project, added: “We have decided to make the databases available on CD-ROM again. This allows users to run specific queries and search by industry or location. This feature is also very useful for individual purposes, such as mailings. The database even contains text files for easy import into other software.”

Both databases are available from the German-British Chamber of Industry & Commerce at a cost of £748.00 (corporate members of the Chamber) or £880.00 (non-members). Prices are quoted excluding VAT, but include recorded delivery.

For more information and to request an order form, please contact Sven Riemann, Tel: +44 (0)20 7976 4185 or email: mail@ahk-london.co.uk.

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We would be grateful for copies of articles published.

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Patricia Godfrey elected as new Chairperson for German-British Chamber of Industry & Commerce

The Council of the German-British Chamber of Industry & Commerce has elected Patricia Godfrey as the new Chairperson to succeed Dr Klaus Peter Fouquet, President of Robert Bosch in the UK. Patricia is the first female to hold the post.

Patricia Godfrey is a partner in the Banking, Finance and Restructuring team and also holds the Head of International position at law firm Nabarro. Patricia brings a wealth of experience to the position of Chairperson through her broad range of skills and experience. As Head of International at Nabarro, Patricia was integral to the launch of the Broadlaw Group, a network of independent law firms: GSK Stockmann + Kollegen in Germany, Lefèvre Pelletier & associés in France, Nabarro in the UK, Nunziante Magrone in Italy and Roca Junyent in Spain. Patricia's responsibilities for the Broadlaw Group include overseeing and implementing international priorities and plans, consolidating and expanding relationships within the Broadlaw Group, monitoring the firm's international groups (Africa, China, Europe, India, Israel, Middle East and North America), and exploring opportunities for further international growth.

Patricia is a German speaker and has throughout her career maintained a close relationship with Germany having worked with a number of German clients for many years. She led Nabarro's German Desk before becoming Head of International and is a board member at Nabarro.

Commenting on the appointment, partner Patricia Godfrey said:

"It is a privilege to be the first female elected as Chairperson of the German-British Chamber of Industry & Commerce and I am delighted to take over as Chairperson having been a Chamber board member for many years. I look forward to working with the Chamber in enhancing business opportunities for both British and German companies at a pivotal point in time in Europe both politically and economically.

"The prospect of a UK referendum by the end of 2017 coupled with heightened economic uncertainty in some parts of the EU and elections on the horizon in 2017 in both Germany and France are but some of the challenges that lie ahead.

"Germany is the UK's largest export market in Europe and the second largest globally after the US. Given the importance of this trading relationship and the relative strength of both Germany and the UK as partners within the EU, I look forward to working with the Chamber in helping our members maintain and develop business opportunities going forward."

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Germany reduces bureaucracy for British temping agencies

The German government has relaxed rules for UK employment businesses, or temping agencies, which send staff to Germany. As of 1 September 2015 temping agencies will no longer be required to submit bi-annual statistics on the staff they have hired to German clients.

So far, UK employment businesses, which must hold a German labour leasing licence (*Erlaubnis zur Arbeitnehmerüberlassung*) to send staff to Germany, have had to file bi-annual statistics consisting of two different forms, a cumbersome and time-consuming activity if an agency had sent a considerable number of staff with different occupations to Germany during the preceding six months.

In future, the relevant data to produce a survey on the effects of temping on the German employment market, e.g. number of workers, sex, nationality, type of job, duration of employment, etc. will be taken from the *DEÜV-Meldung* (Notification in accordance with the *Datenerfassungs- und Übermittlungsverordnung*). If the employees of the UK temping agency are subject to German National Insurance, the employer (in practice: their German accountant or payroll bureau) will automatically be obliged to complete the *DEÜV* notification upon commencement and termination of the employment as well as annually at the end of each year.

Angelika Baumgarte, Head of Legal Services at the German-British Chamber of Industry & Commerce, explained: "This is a step in the right direction, as it will remove some of the bureaucratic hurdles UK employment businesses currently face when sending staff to Germany and it therefore presents additional opportunities for them. Interestingly, it also leaves a gap for the German statisticians because those agencies which do not employ staff subject to German National Insurance will no longer form part of the statistical results."

The German-British Chamber of Industry & Commerce supports British companies wishing to apply for a labour leasing licence in Germany. For more information please contact Angelika Baumgarte, Head of Legal Services, Tel: 020 7976 4144 or email legal@ahk-london.co.uk.

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Changes to German HGV road charges come into force on 1 October 2015

From 1 October 2015 Germany will extend its HGV levy to include vehicles exceeding 7.5 tonnes gross vehicle weight. At the same time, the way toll tariffs are calculated will be changing.

Vehicles under 7.5 tonnes gross tonnage will not attract the charge, unless a trailer they are pulling means they exceed the threshold.

The toll tariff is calculated from an infrastructure element to cover road usage and an air pollution element to cover the emissions caused by the vehicle. The former depends on the number of axles and as of 1 October 2015 will be extended from two to four axle categories (2, 3, 4 and 5+ axles). The latter depends on the emission class of the vehicle and will remain unchanged.

Furthermore, on 1 July a further 1100km of German A-roads were added to the toll network. This includes an extension of existing toll roads as well as 'islands' of toll roads surrounded by toll-free roads. Only the latter are marked by road signs. The full list of toll roads can be found here: www.mauttabelle.de (in German only).

Charges range from 8.1 Cent to 21.8 Cent per kilometre and must be paid in advance after registration with Toll Collect, the company administering the scheme. Early registration is recommended as the process can take a few days, after which payment is possible via an on-board unit, the internet or toll pay machines.

For more information and to register, please see www.toll-collect.de.

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