
HOMANN HOLZWERKSTOFFE GmbH plans to acquire a leading hard board producer in Lithuania

- **A further step in the internationalization process**
- **Expansion of HDF/MDF board capacity and value adding systems**

Munich / Herzberg am Harz / Vilnius, September 21, 2017 - The HOMANN HOLZWERKSTOFFE Group is planning to acquire a hardboard producer in Lithuania through its wholly-owned subsidiary Homanit Holding GmbH. A letter of intent has been signed for the acquisition of the UAB Grigeo Baltwood, headquartered in Vilnius. The purchase is still subject to the successful conclusion of a due diligence.

With this planned acquisition the platform for further growth is set. In addition, to a state-of-the-art thin board production line for HDF/MDF we will invest in all relevant value adding systems such as lacquering, laminating, cut-to-size and folding. The existing hard board production line in Vilnius will continue to be fully operational. The current available infrastructure allows for further capacity expansion. All 140 employees will remain. The combination of the existing Grigeo Baltwood team and the planned investment into a modern production line will allow HOMANN HOLZWERKSTOFFE to expand its market position.

Fritz Homann, Managing Director of HOMANN HOLZWERKSTOFFE GmbH: "The growth of our HOMANN HOLZWERKSTOFFE group is on solid ground. In addition to the external financing instruments such as corporate bonds and various credit lines the group has strong free cash-flow for further international expansions. Lithuania provides a good and realistic basis for this."

The acquired company will be renamed to Homanit Lithuania after the transaction is completed.