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**Successful sale of mezzanine financed German Welger Maschinenfabrik GmbH, a leading manufacturer of compaction technology for agricultural crops, to Dutch Lely Group and American Vermeer Group.**

The well established leading German manufacturer of compaction technology for agricultural crops, Welger Maschinenfabrik GmbH from Wolfenbüttel, was sold to Dutch Lely Group and American Vermeer Group in April 2008.

Before, the company had been acquired in the year 2006 by the American-Austrian group of investors Andlinger & Company who funded the company with mezzanine capital of Mezzanin Finanzierungs AG. Due to excellent management performance and the use of mezzanine capital, Andlinger brought the company on its road to success and substantially increased the company's value.

The new owners Lely and Vermeer are first-class strategic partners for Welger Maschinenfabrik GmbH, providing a worldwide network.

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