



**DIBELLA**  
LONGLIFE TEXTILES

## Press release

*Dibella's initiative to reduce carbon dioxide emissions from road transport is gaining momentum.*

### Climate-friendly on the last miles

**Bocholt, July 2021:** Dibella's long-standing forwarding partner Hamacher was taken over by the sustainably committed logistics specialist Heppner at the end of 2018. The new constellation takes Dibella another step further in terms of climate-neutral transport: the logistics company, which originates from France, focuses on the environmentally friendly transport of goods and is investing heavily in a carbon dioxide-neutral vehicle fleet.

"With our first sustainability report, we introduced the monitoring of our carbon dioxide emissions. It turned out that the transport of our textiles produces the most climate gases. We have therefore consistently switched to sea freight and almost without exception do not ship goods by air. However, we still see a need for optimisation from the port of Rotterdam to the customer or to our warehouse. After the takeover of our long-standing forwarding partner Hamacher by the logistics specialist Heppner, there is now a breath of fresh air in our climate-friendly delivery initiative. The company is committed to environmentally friendly transports and a low-emission vehicle fleet. Together we now want to look for solutions to make the "last miles" of our deliveries climate gas neutral," says Ralf Hellmann, Managing Director of Dibella.

### Departure into a clean future

Spedition Heppner, with its origins in Alsace, is a family-owned company with worldwide operations and 3,320 employees handling more than 72 million freight items annually. More than a decade ago, the logistics specialist began recording the carbon dioxide emissions released by its fleet of vehicles and steadily reducing them by switching to environmentally friendly energy sources. With a mix of gas, bio-fuel and electric drive, the discharge of greenhouse gases caused by the company's trucks is to be reduced by twenty percent by the year 2025. By 2050, the entire fleet should be diesel-free. To achieve a carbon dioxide-neutral footprint, Heppner is also testing hybrid forms of transport (rail, inland waterways, truck) as well as alternative delivery options (cargo bike).



In their efforts to make transport more sustainable, Dibella and Heppner see eye to eye: in the CSR strategies of both companies, environmental protection has priority.

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### **Images**

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Images: Already in use in France: CO2 neutral transport "on the last mile" by electric truck or cargo bike.

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## About Dibella

Dibella is a competent partner for the textiles rental service for long-lasting textiles used in the hotel industry, catering trade and in the healthcare. The service-oriented company has been supplying the branch since 1986 with exclusive, appropriate goods. Thanks to solid growth, Dibella today is represented in the most important markets in Europe over international offices.

Dibella has been engaged for years now in sustainably production to protect people and the environment. Membership of numerous organisations is an expression of this engagement.

## About Heppner

With turnover of 715.5 million euros, 10,000 clients and 3,100 employees, Heppner, creator of transport and logistics solutions, is the specialist and independent leader in international exchanges, to and from France. Heppner has strong international connections with offices in France, Germany, the Netherlands, Spain and Senegal. These sites provide access to efficient and powerful networks, linking over 40 European countries, with deliveries to the main European cities offered within 24 – 72 hours.

