

Ad-hoc communication of 26 April 2000:

BRENNABOR Bekleidung GmbH, Herford, a wholly owned subsidiary of Adolf Ahlers Atkiengesellschaft acquired full rights to the premium brand OTTO KERN on 1 May 2000. BRENNABOR Bekleidung GmbH will be renamed Otto Kern GmbH. Otto Kern will have a 20% equity stake in the Company.