

**HARO Sports Flooring****It's rolling!****Sports Center for the disabled Thuringia goes for HARO sports floor**

**Rosenheim – The 2009 opened sports center for the disabled in Elxleben, Thuringia, has had an addition to the family. A former tennis hall has been converted to an Eldorado for wheelchair basketball players. 1200 m<sup>2</sup> of HARO sports flooring model Helsinki 15 in oak were installed. Even German premier league teams train here. HARO sports floors, whether permanently installed or portable, haven been making basketball players of the DBB get a move on in international championships as well as in Olympics for many years. The model Helsinki is a sports floor with an elastic layer which is perfectly suitable for refurbishments thanks to its low installation height. And thanks to its even construction, the floor features excellent sports-physiological properties.**

Being able to offer handicapped athletes the possibility to train regularly and with professional help: this dream came true in 2009, when the sports center for the disabled in Elxleben was opened in May. Completely new prospects became available for the association ("TBRSV e.V.") and the club („Reha-Sport-Bildung e.V.), as well as for the sport for the disabled in Thuringia in general. Such a development spread quickly, especially among wheel chair athletes. Initiator and chairman of the club, Lutz Leßmann, has been pushing the development since the founding of the club in 2001. Training and match activities were taken on in the converted tennis hall. "Of course I already knew HARO sports

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floors. The best basketball and tennis players in the world play on the sports floors from Rosenheim. Hence, the decision taking was not too hard. Contact and implementation of the project ran smoothly, too. You quickly realize that you're working with pro's who are as passionate about the sport as you are." Lutz Leßmann says enthusiastically after completion of the project.

HARO Sports Flooring has been playing in the top league for centuries now. For example, the training hall of the FC Bayern ProA basketballer players in the Säbener Strasse in Munich was equipped with HARO Sports Flooring model Helsinki 15. ■



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Within the sports flooring branch, portable or permanently installed area-elastic sports floors are being manufactured since 1958 under the brand of HARO SPORTS Flooring. HARO SPORTS Flooring offers decision makers and investors the opportunity to get advice from an experienced team of specialists about the best surface area in sports and multipurpose halls. Hamberger Industrierwerke GmbH in Stephanskirchen, near Rosenheim, has over 60 years of experience in manufacturing parquet. The company, which was founded in 1866, is run by the fourth & fifth generation, by Peter Hamberger and Dr. Peter M. Hamberger. In addition to its range of parquet flooring, cork, linoleum, laminate flooring and Celenio, the company comprises of the area groups HARO Sports Flooring, Hamberger Sanitary, its own sawmill, as well as agriculture and forestry. In 1995 Hamberger was certified according to DIN EN ISO 9001, followed by the 1998 certification of the environmental management system according to DIN EN ISO 14001. Since 2002, Hamberger Industrierwerke GmbH is also certified according to the PEFC. This seal is proves that the processed raw materials come from certified sustainably managed forests. With about 1650 employees, the group has an annual turnover of approximately 260 million €. The export share of the company is about 40% and delivers to over 90 countries worldwide.

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