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Looping Group continuing to operate – initial discussions with investors

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Progress is being made in the insolvency proceedings for communications agency Olando GmbH. After one week, provisional insolvency administrator Mr Ivo-Meinert Willrodt from PLUTA Rechtsanwalts GmbH is feeling positive at this initial stage.

The restructuring expert said, "The Olando employees want the agency group to continue operating and are showing tremendous commitment despite the challenging situation. Staff feel a great deal of empathy towards the company and are highly motivated to save it." As prefinancing of the insolvency substitute benefits for employees is in place, their salaries will continue to be paid. Olando GmbH is the parent company of Looping Group, which was founded in 2016 by journalists, creatives and producers and employs more than 140 people at its German offices in Munich, Hamburg and Berlin.

The Munich-based company filed for insolvency in late October 2023. Following this, the Local Court of Munich ordered provisional insolvency proceedings and appointed Mr Ivo-Meinert Willrodt from PLUTA as provisional administrator. The filing for insolvency came about due to liquidity problems resulting from differences with a key

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customer in respect of the ongoing business relationship.

Olando GmbH is continuing to operate. The communications agency specialises in storytelling and collaborates with well-known brands, businesses and people. The provisional insolvency administrator's team is engaged in dialogue with major clients and customers. Mr Willrodt said, "We have stabilised the business in recent days. Since the application for insolvency was filed, we have been working with Olando management to hold focused discussions with customers, particularly key stakeholders, with the aim of maintaining business operations."

Rather than getting involved in the public debate currently taking place, the PLUTA team is concentrating its efforts on preserving and restructuring the company together with management and staff.

In the coming days, the PLUTA team will hold initial discussions with potential investors interested in acquiring the company. "We are positive about the group's future, as its services are consistently praised by business partners. Our goal is to find a sustainable solution for this wellknown agency group by the end of the year," said Mr Willrodt. He is being supported in the proceedings by industrial clerk Mr Hans-Christian Källner and attorneys Ms Marlene Scheinert and Mr Martin Jungclaus.



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