

28/08/2018 – Baking industry continues to be under pressure: Sondermann-Brot applies for opening of insolvency proceedings

The wholesale bakery Sondermann-Brot Management GmbH has filed for bankruptcy for six of its subsidiaries at the Siegen district court. According to the company spokesman, the reasons for the bankruptcy are the marked intensity of competition within the industry, the unusually high temperatures this summer and the ensuing barbecue ban. In particular, the growing low price offer of the large discounters is likely to have resulted in substantial losses for the baking industry. The wholesale bakery had already filed for bankruptcy in 2011. The investment company Lafayette Mittelstand Capital (formerly: Lafayette Capital Partners) then joined the company as a majority shareholder. There are no changes for the customers of Sondermann-Brot, at least in the short term. Sondermann-Brot now wants to use the "planned insolvency" in order to stabilize itself and become competitive again.

The district court has appointed the law firm **BBL Bernsau Brockdorff & Partner** for the task of restructuring. The long-term mandate of Lafayette Mittelstand Capital is the responsibility of the law firm **Memminger** under the leadership of the name partner Dr. Peter Memminger.