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Truck cartel: Deutsche Bahn and MAN agree on payment of damages

Settlement ends dispute lasting almost ten years - Bundeswehr and other companies also benefit - Management Board Member for Human Resources and Legal Affairs Martin Seiler said outcome is a "good solution for both sides" - Proceedings against Iveco ongoing

(Berlin, 17 April 2026) Deutsche Bahn (DB) has reached an amicable out-of-court agreement with truck manufacturer MAN for the payment of damages. The reason is MAN's involvement in what has become known as the truck cartel. This outcome means that DB and MAN have ended their legal dispute, which lasted almost ten years. The parties have agreed not to disclose any details of the settlement. Martin Seiler, Member of the Management Board for Human Resources and Legal Affairs, describes the outcome as a "good solution for both sides" that has been reached after intensive negotiations.

To enforce damage claims arising from cartel infringements, DB established its own dedicated entity DB Competition Claims GmbH. This entity bundles damage claims arising from the trucks cartel not only of DB, but also from the Bundeswehr, airports and around 40 other companies, which now benefit from the settlement that has been reached.

Following this out-of-court settlement with MAN, Iveco remains the only defendant still involved in the proceedings held in the Regional Court of Munich I. With all other companies, DB has found out of court solutions in recent years. "As for Iveco, the ongoing proceedings in the Regional Court of Munich will continue. The court will now decide on the future course of action," said Seiler. An oral hearing covering the remaining claims against Iveco that amount to approx. 70 million Euro will be held on 20 April 2026. It remains open when the Court will hand down a judgment.

Background: In 2016 and 2017, the European Commission found that the truck manufacturers DAF, Daimler, Iveco, MAN, Volvo/Renault and Scania had engaged in illegal collusion between 1997 and 2011. These related in particular to the coordination of truck prices, and also delays and passing on of cost regarding the introduction of emission-reducing technologies. Record fines totalling EUR 3.8 billion have been imposed on the members of the cartel to date.

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