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150 million Euro Bridge Financing for Scholz-Edelstahl GmbH in Germany.

Mr. Berndt-Ulrich Scholz is owner of Scholz AG (<http://www.scholz-ag.de/english/index.html>) Business had a turnover of close to 5 bn Euro in 2008 (3.5 bn. Euros in 2007) and 5,000 employees. Scholz AG is amongst the leading steel and metal scrap recycling companies in Europe; it is 100% owned by the family of Berndt-Ulrich Scholz.

The business has a subsidiary Scholz-Edelstahl GmbH (<http://www.scholz-edelstahl.de/>), its a steel trading company with a group tonnage of 325,000 t p.a. and sales of 380 million Euro in 2007 (processing volume of 150,000 t p.a.; stock volume of 100,000 t p.a.). Scholz-Edelstahl supplies stainless steel in six different grades and specifications

- Over the last years Scholz-Edelstahl, apparently, built up an inventory and speculated the wrong way; the banks are forcing Scholz to find a solution for his subsidiary:

Scholz currently evaluates his options:

Option 1: a bridge financing of approx. 150 million Euro for Scholz-Edelstahl: period of at least 2 years (to be confirmed), interest rate to be negotiated.

Option 2: loan security - pledge current inventory of steel and guarantee of payment of the loan would be both given by the Scholz AG and by the owner Berndt-Ulrich Scholz.

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