

### **No reason for panic**

"Despite the financial crisis and alarming tidings, we look relatively calm and not pessimistically at the coming year" said Dr. Hannes Hesse, chief executive officer of the VDMA. "If the new American president wants to save his auto industry or if he is seriously willing to expand the renewable energy sector, he is not able to pass German technology".

It seems that the average unfilled orders are sufficient enough for the coming six months. By then the global state infrastructural programmes, which are currently pushed, will show their first effects, according to Hesse.

### **Hard times can endure till summer.**

At the moment, German companies have to survive hard times with a considerable declining amount of orders. Hesse is assured that everything will be fine if the crisis has touched the bottom at summer.

### **Split branches**

However, the branches are split. Whereas the machine manufacturers and the renewable energy sector are still doing well, other sectors like manufacturers of printing- machines or auto suppliers, are fighting against decreasing amounts of orders. Especially, the situation in the textile machinery is critical. "We are very worried about this extreme splay", Hesse said.

### **Sharper credit conditions**

Many machine manufacturers have a high amount of own capital available. The general sector quote amounts to 30 percent, Hesse said. "This enforces a good starting position for companies during at the extension of a credit".

However, companies are confronted with sharper credit conditions. Especially when financing of large individual projects are concerned. Banks adhere their commitments toward the machine manufacturers and have partly expanded their Bank line, Hesse adds.

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