

ENRIQUE

Well, I think business is improving a bit for our plant.

*está mejorando empresa*

Output figures and turnover are rising again - we got a good order

*Cifras de producción volumen de ventas aumentando pedido*

from a big German car manufacturer last month. That helps!

*fabricante de coches*

But as I heard from the purchasing department,

*oí departamento de compras*

costs for raw materials went up last year, too, so it will be

*costes materias primas subieron*

a challenge to reach a reasonable profit margin.

*reto alcanzar razonable beneficio*

So I hope this order is not only a drop in the ocean!

*una gota de agua en el mar*

THOMAS

Yes, I know - business is hard these days.

What are the general economic conditions like in Spain?

*condiciones económicas generales*

ENRIQUE

The situation in our country is still worrying.

*empeorando*

We have an unemployment rate of about 20 per cent now -

*cuota de desempleo aproximadamente*

youth unemployment is particularly high with 40 per cent!

*desempleo juvenil especialmente*

This is really dramatic. I wish we could take on more trainees.

*pudiéramos contratar*

At least we did not have any redundancies, although

*Por lo menos despidos aunque*

all the temporary staff lost their jobs last year.

*personal temporal perdió*

THOMAS

How many permanent employees do you have now?

*trabajadores en plantilla*

ENRIQUE

750, I think. 600 in production and the white collar staff

*ejecutivos*

in purchasing, sales, human resources, accounts and R&D.

*compras ventas recursos humanos contabilidad Investigación+Desarrollo*

But we had 60 agency workers until last year, so you can imagine...!

*trabajadores interinos hasta*

How do you manage in Berlin?

*¿Cómo os las arreglais...*

