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Luther advises on merger-specific squeeze-out of Essanelle Hair Group AG

Yesterday the Dusseldorf hairdressers company Essanelle Hair Group AG was merged with HairGroup AG, Dusseldorf, by way of entry in the Commercial Register. At the same time, the transfer of shares held by the minority shareholders to HairGroup AG in return for a cash compensation became effective.

The Annual General Meeting of the publicly traded Essanelle Hair Group AG adopted the resolutions leading to the merger-specific squeeze-out on 27 June 2014. The minority shareholders of the company will be paid a cash compensation amounting to \in 11.27 per share. Thus, all shares held by the minority shareholders of Essanelle Hair Group AG have been transferred to HairGroup AG.

Consequently, Essanelle Hair Group AG is defunct, the trading of the company's shares on the Stock Market will be discontinued.

Luther Rechtsanwaltsgesellschaft mbH advised the management board and the supervisory board of Essanelle Hair Group AG with regard to this merger-specific squeeze-out, including the legal assistance of the respective General Meeting.

On behalf of the management board and supervisory board of Essanelle Hair Group AG

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