

PRESS RELEASE

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Luther advises TÜV NORD Systems on acquisition of GWQ mbH

Hanover, 20 November 2009 – TÜV NORD Systems GmbH & Co. KG, Hamburg, has acquired all shares in GWQ Gesellschaft für Werkstoffprüfung und Qualitätssicherung mbH, Moers. The purchaser was advised by Luther Rechtsanwaltsgesellschaft.

TÜV NORD Systems GmbH & Co. KG, as a wholly-owned subsidiary of TÜV NORD AG, engages in non-destructive materials testing, among other things. Besides its new Moers site, the company has further sites in Hamburg, Hanover and Leuna.

GWQ Gesellschaft für Werkstoffprüfung und Qualitätssicherung mbH is a medium-sized family business and has more than 20 years of experience in non-destructive materials testing. By acquiring this company, TÜV NORD Systems GmbH & Co. KG opens up the western part of Germany both for its own testing business and for the portfolio of the entire TÜV group. Moreover, synergy effects are expected with respect to the cost of developing new test methods.

On behalf of TÜV NORD Systems GmbH & Co. KG:

Luther Rechtsanwaltsgesellschaft mbH, Hanover: Dr. Thomas Halberkamp (coordinator, Partner), Dr. Falco Schickerling, Dr. Till Backsmann (all Corporate /M&A)

In-house: Wiebke Jasper

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