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Luther advises the Hanover Zoo on construction of "Yukon Bay"

Hanover, 27 May 2010 - The Hanover theme zoo has opened its seventh theme world - the Canadian adventure park "Yukon Bay". Following a 30 month construction period, the "zoo of the future" has now been perfected. The project had a total budget of €30m. Legal advice was provided by Luther Rechtsanwaltsgesellschaft mbH.

Visitors can see over 100 animals on the 22,000 square metre site which houses the polar landscape "Yukon Bay". Around 100 individual contracts were awarded for the construction of the elaborate setting which includes a ship wreck, rocky landscapes, a salt water pool, an underwater world and a gold-mining town, the construction of which was a huge logistical challenge.

Contained within the €35m construction costs are grants from the EU in the sum of €10m. Yukon Bay is the first project of its kind which was supported by funding from the so-called European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) for the development of regional competitiveness.

The legal advice provided by Luther for the project focused above all on public procurement law and the law regulating the awarding of public funds and construction contracts. None of the bidding procedures organized to award the 100 contracts were subject to review proceedings.

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