

Press Release

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Luther advises EC Bioenergie GmbH on sale of subsidiary to Bosch

Düsseldorf – Robert Bosch GmbH has acquired all the shares in Energiecontracting Heidelberg AG from EC Bioenergie GmbH. Luther Rechtsanwaltsgesellschaft mbH acted for the seller in the transaction.

The purchase agreement has been entered into by EC Bioenergie GmbH (ECB), the parent company of Energiecontracting Heidelberg AG (ECH). Luther advised both ECB and The Clean Energy Company B.V., a company belonging to the Dutch SHV group and the majority shareholder in ECB, on the transaction. The parties agreed not to disclose the purchase price. After receiving the go-ahead from the antitrust authorities, the closing date was 31 July 2012.

Energiecontracting Heidelberg AG is an energy service provider which develops energy concepts and manages power plants. The company specialises in the renewable energy and natural biomass market. It will in future become part of Bosch Energy and Building Solutions which offers comprehensive services concerning the efficient control and supply of energy to the owners of large buildings.

About the ECB group and SHV Holdings N.V.

The ECB group, the parent company of Energiecontracting Heidelberg AG, is one of the largest pellet producers in Germany. Its customers mainly include mid-sized companies. The ECB group is a group company of the Dutch SHV Holding N.V. which employs approx. 55,000 employees worldwide in 49 countries. SHV Holding N.V. concentrates on energy trading, cash and carry wholesale, the heavy transport and logistics sector and the industrial services sector. The group is the biggest family-run business in the Netherlands. As an investor, SHV Holding N.V. participates in the exploration, production and processing of oil and gas, mainly in the North Sea. In addition, the group provides companies from the Benelux countries with private equity capital.

On behalf of the sellers

Luther Rechtsanwaltsgesellschaft, Düsseldorf: Dr Markus Schackmann (Lead), Christofer Rudolf Mellert (both Partners), Andreas Hecker (all Corporate /M&A), Dr Holger Stappert (Partner), Sophie Oberhammer (both Antitrust)

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