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## **Luther advises Thuringia's largest building project: The University Hospital Jena is to build 15 new hospitals**

**Essen/Leipzig – On 6 June 2013, the University Hospital Jena gave the signal for the start of the construction of fifteen new hospitals and institutes. The building and financing agreement was concluded in the presence of Christoph Matschie, Thuringia's Minister for Education, Science and Culture. Luther Rechtsanwaltsgesellschaft mbH advised the university hospital during the entire bidding process.**

Luther advised the University Hospital Jena on the Europe-wide bidding process and thus has emphasised its position as one of the leading German law firms that specialises in hospital building projects. "As the project was extremely large and subsidies were involved, the process was very complex and expensive; this project is currently one of the most important building projects in the German health care sector", said Mr Henner M. Puppel, lead partner at Luther. "The University Hospital Jena and the Free State of Thuringia have shown that they have the courage to decide in favour of new large construction projects rather than just limiting themselves to individual projects."

Now that the contracts for the building project have been awarded, the second phase of the new construction of the University Hospital Jena has started. The total project costs for this construction stage amount to approx. EUR 316 million. By the year 2018, it is expected that patient care will be centralised in the hospital at Jena-Lobeda and that a modern infrastructure for treatment, research and teaching will have been created. Up to now, the hospital treatment facilities were located in several hospitals, some of which were historical hospital buildings.

“In the future, we can also use this newly found structure of financing and public funding for other large projects”, said Dr Thomas Gohrke, Luther’s second lead partner for the project: “This is not the first time that Luther’s comprehensive advice has included advising on the application for and the ideal use of subsidies.” Luther Rechtsanwaltsgesellschaft mbH regularly advises on issues relating to subsidies in industrial development projects, for example, solar parks, and on public sector projects, such as the State of Hessen’s concept concerning hospital security.

Ed. Züblin AG has been awarded the contract for the building project. As the main contractor, it will perform any necessary construction works and provide intermediate and long-term final financing.

#### **On behalf of University Hospital Jena:**

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Luther works closely with other commercial law firms in all the prevailing jurisdictions worldwide. On the Continent, Luther is part of a group of independent leading law firms who have worked together for many years on joint cross-border projects. Luther is also the German member of Taxand, a global organisation of tax advisory firms.

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