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Luther provides advice on the merger of hospitals in the city of Ansbach and rural district of Ansbach

Hanover – The hospitals of the city of Ansbach and rural district of Ansbach will merge as of 01 August 2013. In the future, the facilities will be managed jointly under the name ANregiomed AöR. Luther Rechtsanwaltsgesellschaft handled the legal project management aspects and provided detailed advice during the merger process.

Effective as of 01 August 2013, the city of Ansbach and the rural district of Ansbach merged the municipal firm Verbundklinikum Landkreis Ansbach AöR (with hospitals in Dinkelsbühl, Feuchtwangen, and Rothenburg ob der Tauber) and the joint municipal firm Klinikum Ansbach AöR (with one hospital, in Ansbach). The merger has created the joint municipal firm ANregiomed AöR, with about 2,200 employees and 788 beds.

"This merger, which follows the specific legal provisions of the Bavarian Act on Municipal Cooperation, is a legal first," points out Dr. Oliver Kairies, the lead partner at Luther. "This marks the first time that a municipal firm has been merged with another existing joint municipal firm in Bavaria. That led to completely new legal issues, such as the question of how, specifically, the merger was to be implemented, as well as the design of the new structure from the standpoint of financial and accounting law and the company bylaws. That also means this merger is establishing a good deal more legal certainty for future transactions along similar lines," he says.

"The merger brings a process that has lasted nearly ten years to a successful close, which, in light of the many different interests that had to be taken into account, is due in large measure to the constructive solutions and careful handling of the process that were

provided by the entire team of advisors from Luther over the past two years," adds Dr. Andreas Goepfert, the sole member of the Managing Board of the former municipal firm and of ANregiomed AöR.

Overall legal management of the merger process:

Luther Rechtsanwaltsgesellschaft mbH, Hanover/Munich/Brussels: Dr. Oliver Kairies (Lead Partner), Dr. Hendrik Sehy, Dr. Daniel Schubmann (all Corporate Law/M&A), Peter Schäffler (Partner, Tax Law), Sebastian Fedder (Partner, Employment Law), Dr. Helmut Janssen (Partner, Antitrust Law)

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