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Luther advises Transport Capital AG on the acquisition of two bus companies from the Abellio Group

Frankfurt a.M. – Luther Rechtsanwaltsgesellschaft mbH advised the Swiss transport company Transport Capital AG on the acquisition of two bus companies in Hessen. The seller, the Dutch Abellio Group, parted with its German bus business for strategic reasons on 1 November 2013.

The transport companies, VM Verkehrsgesellschaft Mittelhessen GmbH and Verkehrsgesellschaft Werner GmbH & Co. KG, as well as an associated leasing company (ABELLIO Leasing GmbH) were all sold on 31 October 2013.

The private Swiss company Transport Capital AG (Zug) is the purchaser. The new owner intends to invest in the acquired operations in order to grow the portfolio of public bus transport contracts. The transaction helps to establish a platform from which to continue the existing transport agreements and preserve the existing jobs.

During the transaction, Luther's M&A and restructuring experts worked closely with the transaction specialists from the international consulting firm Alvarez & Marsal, who advised Transport Capital AG on the financial due diligence and supported negotiations with lenders."

Background: the bus companies

VM Verkehrsgesellschaft Mittelhessen GmbH and Verkehrsgesellschaft Werner GmbH & Co. KG are active in Hessen and Baden-Württemberg. In both German federal states, the transport service companies employ over 400 employees and have a fleet of over 220 buses.

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