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## Luther advises filter manufacturer Bokela on takeover by Japanese group

**Stuttgart – The Japanese technology company Tsukishima Kikai Co. Ltd., Tokyo, acquired the majority shareholding in Bokela Ingenieurgesellschaft für Mechanische Verfahrenstechnik mbH and its subsidiaries at the end of 2014. Luther Rechtsanwaltsgesellschaft mbH advised the shareholders of the medium-sized Karlsruhe company Bokela within the scope of the transaction.**

By joining Bokela, Tsukishima Kikai intends to establish an independent business unit and bridgehead in Europe for the extension of their business activities. The former owner and managing directors of Bokela – Dr. Reinhard Bott and Dr. Thomas Langeloh – will continue to manage the company together with the newly appointed directors.

Bokela is a technology leader in the field of solid-liquid separation. By the takeover Tsukishima Kikai seeks to improve its own dewatering and filter technology. At the same time Bokela will expand its range of services. As a result, new technological solutions can be developed which will result in significant growth for the medium-sized company.

### **About Bokela**

The Karlsruhe company ranks as one of the worldwide leading suppliers of modern filtration plants for process filtration for the chemical, petrochemical, pharmaceutical, food and raw material industry. With subsidiaries in Australia, Brazil and India and a worldwide net of representatives Bokela serves international markets. More information under: [www.bokela.com](http://www.bokela.com)

### **About Tsukishima Kikai**

Tsukishima Kikai is listed at the Tokyo Stock Exchange and specialises in the field of energy and environmental technology as well as industrial plants in the process industry. More information under: [www.tsk-g.co.jp/en/](http://www.tsk-g.co.jp/en/)

### **On behalf of Bokela**

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### **On behalf of Tsukishima Kikai**

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