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# Luther advises Rural District Hildesheim: Lung Clinic Diekholzen taken over by Helios

Hanover – The Rural District Hildesheim has found in Helios Kliniken GmbH an experienced partner for the lung clinic Diekholzen: with effect from 1 April 2015 Helios Kliniken GmbH acquired the majority stake in Lungenklinik Diekholzen gGmbH. The transaction was preceded by a complex structured bidding process the legal responsibility of which lied with Luther Rechtsanwaltsgesellschaft mbH. For the second time, the major law firm advised the Rural District Hildesheim on the sale of a hospital.

The Rural District Hildesheim began searching a strategic partner for the lung clinic Diekholzen by a Europe-wide invitation to tender in 2013. The objective was to ensure its continued existence and further development. In order to find a suitable partner, the Rural District Hildesheim engaged Luther Rechtsanwaltsgesellschaft mbH with the complex legal assistance during the multi-stage bidding process.

The new partner Helios Kliniken GmbH is one of the largest providers of in- and outpatient health care in Germany. It won the bidding process by a convincing future strategy optimised for the lung clinic Diekholzen which proposes amongst others to concentrate both clinics at one location and to develop them to a centre for pneumology and thorax surgery: "It was a complicated and complex bidding process that could be completed with an economically and medically most advantageous tender for the Rural District Hildesheim." says Dr Oliver Kairies, Lead Partner with Luther Rechtsanwaltsgesellschaft. So far, the rural district had been sole shareholder of Lungenklinik Diekholzen gGmbH, which has developed into a specialist clinic for pulmonology, sleep and respiratory medicine. In the past, Luther Rechtsanwaltsgesellschaft mbH already advised the Rural District Hildesheim on the sale of the hospital Alfeld.

## On behalf of the Rural District Hildesheim

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