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Luther strengthens its environment practice by Prof Dr Tobias Leidinger

Dusseldorf – Luther Rechtsanwaltsgesellschaft mbH strengthens its practice in environment, planning and regulatory by appointing Prof Dr Tobias Leidinger (51). He will join Luther's Dusseldorf office on 1 August 2015. Luther thus continues its expansion in the fields of regulated industries and energy law in both of which it was honoured by JUVE as "Law Firm of the Year 2014".

Professor Dr Leidinger previously worked for Gleiss Lutz. Prior to this, from 2000 to 2012, he held a senior position at RWE Power AG in Essen, lastly as head of the department for fundamental matters on energy law. Leidinger is a specialist lawyer for administrative law. Moreover, he is honorary professor at the Ruhr University Bochum and director at the Ruhr University's Institute for Mining and Energy Law.

"Luther provides an ideal platform for my work. Luther's comprehensive range of legal advice in the field of energy and infrastructure projects offers lots of synergy and efficiency benefits to my clients, especially with regard to the key issues of the energy transition in Germany." says Prof Dr Tobias Leidinger.

As a renowned expert for planning and nuclear energy law, his activities are focused on the planning and development of energy networks (electricity and gas networks) and the legal assistance in licensing and complaints procedures under the Atomic Energy Act. Here his clients benefit from his long-term professional experience as a company representative.

Dr Stefan Altenschmidt, partner in the field of environment, planning and regulatory at the Dusseldorf office, points out: "With the addition of Professor Leidinger, we expand our advisory expertise in the key issues relating to the development of electricity networks and atomic energy law, and we are able to provide our clients with comprehensive legal advice regarding all challenges resulting from the energy transition and its consequence management."

Dr Stefan Kobes at Luther's Berlin office, who heads the practice area environment, planning and regulatory, adds: „By appointing Professor Leidinger, we strengthen our team in a very competent and visible way in a strategically significant area. We expect a further remarkable boost in development and look forward to a successful cooperation with Professor Leidinger.“

About Prof Dr Tobias Leidinger

Prof Dr Tobias Leidinger has been working as Of Counsel for energy law at the Dusseldorf office of Gleiss Lutz since 2012. Before, he was head of the department for fundamental matters on energy law of RWE Power AG in Essen from 2000 to 2012, and dealt with special energy law questions as corporate counsel of VEW Energie AG from 1998 to 2000. Since the end of 2004, Prof Dr Leidinger has been a visiting lecturer of Ruhr University Bochum. He is member of the Board of Directors of Ruhr University's Institute for Mining and Energy Law. In 2011, he was made honorary professor. At Luther, he will join Dr Altenschmidt's environmental law team at Dusseldorf as Counsel.

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