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New addition for Singapore office: Luther has recruited Michael Richard Loeffler, expert for restructuring and project financing

Of counsel brings about 25 years of experience in the Asia-Pacific region // previously managing director HVB and consultant for Asian Development Bank

Singapore – As of 01 January 2016, Michael Richard Loeffler (55) has joined Luther LLP in Singapore as 'of counsel'. The lawyer has about 25 years of experience in project financing: Among other things, he has developed HVB's project financing and asset finance business in the Asia-Pacific region and has worked closely with the Ministry of Finance of Thailand on behalf of the Asian Development Bank. Furthermore, Michael Richard Loeffler brings 13 years of industry experience in Asia. He has worked, among others, with Cargill, Golden Agri Resources, GSteel and GJSteel and currently with Stemcor India.

Michael Richard Loeffler is joining the team of 18 at Luther to support them in advising financial investors, entrepreneurial families, and other capital market participants in restructuring projects as well as in the purchase and sale of distressed assets.

About Michael Richard Loeffler

Michael Richard Loeffler is a lawyer admitted in the Federal Republic of Germany. From 1995 to 2003, he has developed the project financing and asset finance business in Asia on behalf of HVB, then

the second largest bank in Germany. Following the Asian crisis, he was responsible for the restructuring of the bank in these regions.

During his time with HVB, he served for five years as a director on the board of the Rothschild Golden Arrow Fund, an investment fund specializing in corporate actions for young mining and technology companies.

After leaving HVB, Michael Richard Loeffler founded the consulting firm Pacific Navigator Ltd. and worked on behalf of the Asian Development Bank with the Ministry of Finance of Thailand.

From 2006 onwards, he was involved with the development and financing of products to reduce CO₂ emissions on behalf of the US company Cargill. From 2008 onwards, he was with Cargill Trade Structured Finance and responsible for the development of financing structures in India, Thailand and Korea.

From 2011 onwards, Michael Richard Loeffler lead the financial activities and the teams in Indonesia, Singapore, China and India for Golden Agri Resources, a global leader in palm oil production.

From July 2013 to July 2015, the lawyer assumed the management responsibilities as CEO for Gsteel PCL and GJSteel PCL, two listed Thai companies with about 1,500 employees.

Currently, Michael Richard Loeffler, acting as a non-executive director, supervises the activities of BRPL (Brahmani River Pellets, Ltd.), a Stemcor investment in iron or in India.

Luther in Singapore

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