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Well packed: Luther advises Buy & Build expert CGS on the acquisition of A+F Automation + Fördertechnik

Munich – A fund of the Swiss buy & build expert CGS Management AG has acquired the packaging machine manufacturer A + F Automation + Fördertechnik GmbH (A+F) from mutares AG. The buyer was advised by law firm Luther on the transaction.

CGS is a traditional industrial investor from Pfäffikon, Switzerland, which pursues a sustainable buy & build approach and invests in medium-sized companies in the DACH region. In this transaction, CGS prevailed over other investors in the course of a bidding process, partly due to very fast and effective negotiations.

A+F, based in Kirchlingern (Westphalia), has been a leading manufacturer of packaging machines and systems for the dairy, food and beverage industries for more than 40 years. The Munich-based subsidiary mutares AG acquired A+F from the German Oystar Group in November 2014 and restructured it by means of a successful reorganization. With 160 employees, the company currently generates profitable sales of around EUR 28 million.

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