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## Luther strengthens M&A team in Dusseldorf with Dr Michael Krömker

Dusseldorf – Luther Rechtsanwaltsgesellschaft mbH wins Dr Michael Krömker (39) as a partner for its Dusseldorf office per 15 August 2014. The experienced transaction specialist previously has been for many years Managing Associate at Linklaters. By this transfer Luther pushes ahead the expansion of the M&A Practice at its Dusseldorf office.

Dr Michael Krömker has specialised experience in cross-border M&A transactions, group restructuring and group financing as well as strategic corporate law. A special focus of his work is the comprehensive advice of Chinese investors on projects outside China, especially in Germany.

"Besides the outstanding opportunities for my further personal development, Luther as a full service law firm with an international focus provides the ideal strategic platform for my clients. The clear industry focus of Luther at Dusseldorf, especially in the field of automotive and food & beverages, as well as the strong China business fit perfectly to my personal focus of consulting activities." comments Dr Michael Krömker his transfer.

"We are delighted that Dr Michael Krömker will join Luther. He will significantly strengthen our traditionally well-placed M&A Practice at Dusseldorf as well as the law firm as a whole. Dr Michael Krömker has vast experience in comprehensive cross-border transactions. We particularly expect to benefit from synergy effects by his expertise in Chinese Outbound M&A which perfectly supports Luther's already intensive China activities." said Dr Thomas Kuhnle, who heads the M&A Practice at Luther.

By Dr Michael Krömker's transfer Luther continues the strategic expansion of its M&A Practice at the Dusseldorf office, as just at the beginning of July Luther was able to win a five person team around Dr Eckart Petzold. The team was formerly at GSK Stockmann + Kollegen and advises especially Italian clients on their cross-border projects as well as German clients on their activities in Italy.

#### **Personal Details**

Dr Michael Krömker started his career 2003 at Linklaters in Cologne where he was appointed Managing Associate in 2006. He worked for Baker & McKenzie from 2007 to 2008 and then returned to Linklaters' new Dusseldorf office. Dr Michael Krömker studied law in Trier and Cologne and obtained a doctorate at the University of Cologne in 2002. Moreover, between 2011 and 2012 he earned the degree "Executive MBA" with special emphasis on China and Europe from Mannheim Business School and Tongji University (Shanghai).

#### **Brief Profile Luther**

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Luther works closely with other commercial law firms in all the prevailing jurisdictions worldwide. On the Continent, Luther is part of a group of independent leading law firms who have worked together for many years on joint cross-border projects. Luther is also the German member of Taxand, a global organisation of tax advisory firms.

Luther Rechtsanwaltsgesellschaft mbH is a law firm with a business approach: our innovative awareness aspires us to provide our clients with customised legal advice that addresses individual needs and delivers the greatest possible economic benefit. Our lawyers and tax advisors have a solid understanding of interdisciplinary matters and a wealth of experience in collaborating on complex tasks. Further information is available at: www.luther-lawfirm.com

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