

PRESS RELEASE

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Luther Supports SE Foundation

Essen, July 3rd, 2008 – KNAUF INTERFER AG, Essen, has changed its legal form into a Societas Europea (SE) through merger by absorption of an Austrian subsidiary. The company has been advised by Luther Rechtsanwaltsgesellschaft.

With more than 30 subsidiaries and offices throughout Germany and Europe, Knauf Interfer is one of the leading independent steel processing, service and distribution companies. The company has about 1.700 employees at home and abroad. Plans for further expansion on the European Market caused Knauf Interfer to change its legal form into a SE (Societas Europaea).

Luther has advised on all corporate and labor law related matters regarding the organization and formation of KNAUF INTERFER SE. Among others, Luther supported the formation of a “special negotiation committee” and led subsequent negotiations. Luther, moreover, coordinated the international consulting team from six European countries.

For KNAUF INTERFER:

Luther Rechtsanwaltsgesellschaft, Essen: Dr. Arnd Becker (Partner), Bastian Laue (both Corporate Law), Axel Braun (Partner), Dr. Mark Oelmüller (both Labor Law)

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