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Societas Europaea under Review

Essen, 13 January 2009 – An international team under the direction of Luther Rechtsanwaltsgesellschaft and Ernst & Young société d'avocats, France, has been commissioned by the European Commission with a Europe-wide study regarding the implementation and effects of the Statute for a European Company (SE).

The study, which was the subject of a Europe-wide invitation to tender, will be carried out over a period of 14 months with the objective of evaluating the implementation and effects of the Statute for a European Company (SE) in the various European Member States. The work in the 25 Member States involved will be coordinated by a steering committee comprised of six members under the direction of Dr. Arnd Becker (Luther Rechtsanwaltsgesellschaft mbH, Essen) and Dr. Luc Julien-St-Amand (Ernst & Young société d'avocats, Strasbourg). Further members of the committee are Bastian Laue (Luther Rechtsanwaltsgesellschaft mbH, Essen), Frederique Desprez (Ernst & Young société d'avocats, Paris), Thilo Hoffmann (Weinhold Legal, Prague) and Kristin Normann (Advokatfirmaet Selmer DA, Oslo). The team will be given scientific assistance by a scientific committee consisting of prominent members such as Prof. Michel Menjucq, University of Paris Pantheon-Sorbonne, Prof. Jonathan Rickford, London School of Economics, and Prof. Dr. Dr. h.c. mult. Klaus J. Hopt, emeritus director of the Max-Planck Institute for Foreign and International Private Law, Hamburg.

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