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AWO continues to grow

Hanover, 16 February 2009 – AWO Psychiatriezentrum Halle GmbH has successfully participated in the tender organized by the Town of Halle (Saale) regarding the acquisition of the psychiatric hospital of Halle (Saale), which has so far been a municipal undertaking. AWO Psychiatriezentrum Halle GmbH was advised by Luther Rechtsanwaltsgesellschaft mbH.

AWO Psychiatriezentrum Halle GmbH is a subsidiary of AWO Krankenhausbetriebsgesellschaft mbH, Magdeburg. With the acquisition of the psychiatric hospital as its third psychiatric institution besides the AWO specialist hospital Jerichow and its participation in AWO Niedersachsen GmbH, AWO Psychiatriezentrum Halle GmbH forcefully continues to expand as a superregional health-care service provider in the new federal states and in Lower Saxony.

Luther Rechtsanwaltsgesellschaft mbH has represented AWO Krankenhausbetriebsgesellschaft mbH and other companies of the AWO association in numerous other tenders in the past.

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