

## **PRESS RELEASE**

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### **RWE legal counsel joins Luther**

**Düsseldorf, 14 April 2011 - Dr. Angelo Vallone (34) joins Luther Rechtsanwaltsgesellschaft mbH. Dr. Vallone previously worked as legal counsel for RWE Power AG and was responsible for civil and antitrust law issues. At Luther he will reinforce the energy law team in Düsseldorf.**

Dr. Angelo Vallone, is a specialist in energy regulation and antitrust law. Prior to joining RWE Power as in-house counsel, he worked for four years for the international law firm Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer advising clients from the energy industry. At Luther he will provide regulatory advice to energy suppliers and deal with issues relating to energy contracts and renewable energy projects.

"His knowledge and vast experience are the ideal way of enhancing our team", said Dr. Holger Stappert, head of the industry group Energy & Utilities. "The energy generating sector in Germany is in a state of upheaval, especially in the wake of the Fukushima disaster. That's why his expertise in the field of power plant and pipeline construction projects is in more demand than ever before."

Dr. Vallone is the third new hire to join Luther's industry group Energy & Utilities this year. In addition to Dr. Vallone, Luther has strengthened its expertise in the energy sector by gaining Dr. Stefan Altenschmidt, an expert in environmental law and Christoph Brüggem, a tax and accounting expert from the energy sector.

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## **Brief Profile Luther Rechtsanwaltsgesellschaft mbH**

Luther is one of the leading German commercial law firms providing comprehensive services in all the relevant fields of legal and tax consulting. The full-service law firm employs more than 320 lawyers and tax advisors and is represented at 12 German economic centres and at important investment locations and financial centres in Europe and Asia with international offices in Brussels, Budapest, Istanbul, Luxembourg, Shanghai and Singapore. Our clients include medium-sized enterprises and large corporations, as well as the public sector.

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.

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