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**Luther advises Management Engineers GmbH on its takeover by the strategy consulting firm Booz & Co.**

**Dusseldorf – The international strategy consulting firm Booz & Co. and the German consulting group Management Engineers have merged. A team of advisors from different offices of Luther advised the partners of the Management Engineers group on the transaction.**

In the middle of February 2013, both parties signed a takeover agreement. Booz plans to keep the trademark "Management Engineers" within the company, but does not intend to use parts of it in its company name. The merger still needs to be approved by the Federal Cartel Office and by the partners of Booz & Co., but is scheduled to be completed by 2 April 2013. The parties have agreed not to disclose the purchase price. After several takeovers or mergers in the sector had failed in the past, this successful merger was the first large transaction in the consulting sector to take place within the last few years in Germany.

### **Management Engineers**

According to experts, Management Engineers is no longer a hidden champion, but has reached the champions league of the strategy consultants over the last few years. The consultancy firm whose registered office is in Dusseldorf and who has offices in Europe, North and South America as well as Asia advises clients from the manufacturing industry, including globally operating medium-sized companies and worldwide leading groups. The group of companies has 17 partners and employs approximately 145 advisors who have extensive industrial experience due to their manager and insider background.

**Booz & Co.**

With a company history of nearly 100 years and approximately 3,000 employees in 58 offices on all continents, Booz & Co is one of the world's leading strategy consultancy firms. The company advises large enterprises and governments, ministries and the public sector, including 75 percent of the DAX groups.

**On behalf of Management Engineers**

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