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**CMS management changes**

*Chairman Cornelius Brandi re-appointed for four-year term, Director of Operations Matthew Gorman promoted to Executive Director*

(14 February 2011) – CMS announces that Cornelius Brandi’s term as Chairman of the CMS Executive Committee has been extended for four years, until 30 June 2015. Mr. Brandi was first appointed in 2008 for a three-year term.

“Cornelius has been an outstanding Chairman, providing strong leadership during an important time for CMS,” explained Pierre Sebastien-Thill, Managing Partner of CMS Bureau Francis Lefebvre and member of the CMS Executive Committee. “There is unanimous agreement among the Executive Committee that he should continue in the role.”

During the past three years, CMS has successfully implemented the key convergence projects agreed in January 2008, following an extensive strategic review by Deloitte. The result is a business model unique in the European legal market, whereby clients benefit from the deep local expertise in 28 countries and pan-European capability.

“By any measure, CMS today ranks in the top tier among European legal and tax service

providers,” said Mr. Brandi. “I am honoured to continue in my role as Chairman as we start the next chapter as a leader in Europe.”

Mr. Brandi’s role as Chairman will also be expanded from 1 July 2011, in response to a review of the governance of CMS. The review was prompted by current CMS Executive Partner Dick Tyler’s decision last autumn to return to CMS Cameron McKenna as a partner when he completes his term of office this summer. Mr. Tyler has been on secondment from CMS Cameron McKenna as CMS Executive Partner since 2008.

In addition to expanding the role of Chairman, CMS is also appointing current Director of Operations, Matthew Gorman, to the position of CMS Executive Director from 1 July 2011. Matthew will work closely with Mr. Brandi and, in addition to leading the CMS Legal Services team in Frankfurt, will take on some of Mr. Tyler’s responsibilities for executing the CMS strategy.

“It has been a privilege to serve as Executive Partner,” said Dick Tyler. “In 2008, I set the objective of completing the key convergence projects and taking CMS to the next level in its development. With the help of some very talented people, I am proud that we have met that objective.”

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**NOTES TO EDITORS**

**Cornelius Brandi**

Having served on the CMS Executive Committee since its founding in 1999, Cornelius Brandi was named CMS Chairman in 2008. He is also Managing Partner of CMS Hasche Sigle, having served in the role since 1999, and will be stepping down to become the firm’s Senior Partner on 1 July 2011. He became a partner of Hasche Albrecht Fischer (now CMS Hasche Sigle) in 1986, specialising in corporate and maritime law. Cornelius studied and trained in Germany, Spain and the United States. He also serves on a number of advisory boards and holds other offices in private and public bodies.

## **Dick Tyler**

Dick Tyler became CMS Executive Partner in September 2008, having served on the Executive Committee in his role as Managing Partner of CMS Cameron McKenna between 2000 and 2008. He joined McKenna & Co (now CMS Cameron McKenna) in 1983 where he became a corporate partner in 1992, specialising in mergers, acquisitions and securities offerings.

## **Matthew Gorman**

Matthew Gorman became CMS Director of Operations in November 2007. He has a degree in Business Administration from the University of Bath in the UK and has spent his entire career in Professional Services; in the market research sector, then in accountancy – working in Business Development for one of the (then) Big 6 firms – and, since 1998, in the legal sector in both business development and general management roles. Matthew is a certified Business Coach.

## **About CMS**

*CMS aims to be recognised as the best European provider of legal and tax services. We combine deep, local expertise and the most extensive presence in Europe with cross-border consistency and coordination.*

*Clients say that what makes CMS special is a combination of three things:*

- *strong, trusted client relationships;*
- *high quality advice; and*
- *industry specialisation.*

*CMS has a common culture and a shared heritage which make us distinctively European.*

**The CMS nine member firms are:** *CMS Adonnino Ascoli & Cavasola Scamoni (Italy); CMS Albiñana & Suárez de Lezo (Spain); CMS Bureau Francis Lefebvre (France); CMS Cameron McKenna LLP (UK); CMS DeBacker (Belgium); CMS Derks Star Busmann (Netherlands); CMS von Erlach Henrici Ltd. (Switzerland); CMS Hasche Sigle (Germany); and CMS Reich-Rohrwig Hainz (Austria).*

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