**Press release**

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**CMS ADVISES RWA ON ACQUISITION OF OMV WÄRME VERTRIEBSGMBH**

**OMV group has sold its subsidiary OMV Wärme VertriebsgmbH to a consortium lead by RWA Raiffeisen Ware Austria AG (RWA). CMS Reich-Rohrwig Hainz advised RWA on all legal aspects of the acquisition. The transaction, concluded in February, was recently approved by the European Commission. Closing took place on 1 July 2011.**

The consortium is made up by RWA Raiffeisen Ware Austria Aktiengesellschaft (51 %), "Unser Lagerhaus" Warenhandels-Gesellschaft m.b.H. (27 %) and BayWa Vorarlberg Handels GmbH (11 %). Former owner OMV Refining & Marketing GmbH reduced its participation to 11 %. RWA realised its growth strategy through this acquisition. CMS partner Johannes Reich-Rohrwig and senior attorney Clemens Grossmayer advised RWA on this complex transaction.

The growing internationalisation of the energy market is constantly raising new questions. CMS Reich-Rohrwig Hainz has been playing a decisive role in this field for years. Its participation in numerous groundbreaking cases in the area of energy law and the influence it has wielded on regulatory provisions in this new legal field make the international law firm an experienced pioneer in this market.

A current picture of Johannes Reich-Rohrwig and Clemens Grossmayer is available for download [HERE](http://u.dialog-mail.de/zh/7981309865799/Apcg6YK2h4).

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