**Press release**

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**CMS advises Takeda on deal worth EUR 9.6 billion**

**CMS has successfully advised Takeda Pharmaceutical on its EUR 9.6 billion acquisition of the globally active drug company Nycomed. This is one of the most significant M&A transactions to occur in the lifesciences sector this year.**

CMS has successfully advised longstanding client Takeda, the largest Japanese pharmaceutical company, on its EUR 9.6 billion acquisition of the Nycomed group, which also operates in Austria. The acquisition notably increases Takeda’s footprint and strength in Europe and emerging markets. The deal is subject to competition clearances, which are expected within 90 to 120 days.

Nycomed, headquartered in Zurich, is a global pharmaceutical company with a diversified product portfolio including both established prescription drugs and over-the-counter (OTC) pharmaceutical products. It started operations in Austria when it acquired the pharmaceutical division of Chemie Linz in 1990. Today, it employs overall more than 500 people in Austria at its two locations in Linz and Vienna. Worldwide, 12,500 people work for the group at affiliate branches in more than 70 countries.

**CMS Number One in Europe for M&A Transactions in Lifesciences Sector**

For the complex transaction, CMS offices in 13 countries worked together. Apart from Austria, also Belgium, China, France, Germany, Great Britain, Italy, the Netherlands, Poland, Russia, Spain, Switzerland and Ukraine were involved. The core team of CMS Reich-Rohrwig Hainz in Austria was made up by: Peter Huber, managing partner and head of the M&A team, who handled corporate law issues; CMS partner Egon Engin-Deniz, who was responsible for intellectual property law and regulatory matters; and CMS partner Robert Keisler, who dealt with environmental law aspects.

CMS has one of the world’s leading lifesciences practices and for the last two years, it has been the number one law firm across Europe for M&A deals in the lifesciences sector as ranked by mergermarket, the information service of the Financial Times Group.

Managing Partner Peter Huber comments, “We have been working closely with Takeda since 1997 and this transaction showed CMS at its best – true cooperation over our network of CMS offices across Europe ensured a successful result for our client. We could build the ideal team of advisors with unparalleled sector expertise. We are absolutely delighted with the result.”

A current picture of Peter Huber is available at

<http://sites.cms-rrh.com/downloads/huber_01.zip>

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CMS Reich-Rohrwig Hainz is one of the founding members of CMS, the association of leading European legal firms and tax consultants. At present, CMS operates a network consisting of more than 700 partners, 2,800 lawyers and tax consultants, and a total of 5,000 employees working on behalf of its clients. www.cms-rrh.com

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Strong, trusted client relationships

High quality advice

Industry specialization

We combine deep local expertise and the most extensive presence in Europe with cross-border consistency and coordination.

CMS has a common culture and a shared heritage which make us distinctively European. CMS operates in 27 jurisdictions, with 53 offices in Western and Central Europe and beyond. CMS was established in 1999 and today comprises nine CMS firms, employing over 2,800 lawyers. CMS is headquartered in Frankfurt, Germany.

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