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Boxmore Packaging specialises in PET pre-forms, PET bottles and closures, and currently employs around 1,000 members of staff at nine locations. The company's customers are situated in more than 20 African countries, as well as on the islands in the Indian Ocean.

CMS under lead partner Alexander Rakosi (Corporate/M&A) functions as the lead-counsel for ALPLA on the transaction, the core team further consists of Lisa Oberlechner (attorney-at-law; Corporate/M&A), Dieter Zandler (partner; Competition), Sibylle Novak (partner, Tax), Marie-Christine Lidl (associate; Corporate/M&A) and Arno Scharf (associate; Corporate/M&A) are providing valuable support. ENSafrica is handling all matters of South African law. GCA Altium is the client's financial advisor.

"We are very pleased to be able to support the dynamic ALPLA team on its expansion in Africa", says lead-partner **Alexander Rakosi**. "CMS' expertise on cross-border transactions has proven important in properly addressing transactional and legal complexities."

#### About ALPLA

ALPLA is among the leading companies in the field of plastic packaging solutions. Around 17,300 employees at 160 locations across 43 countries produce tailor-made packaging systems, bottles, caps and injection moulding parts. The high-end packaging solutions are used for a large variety of products, including food and beverages, cosmetics and care

products, cleaning products and detergents, engine oil and lubricants. ALPLA celebrated its 60th anniversary in 2015.

A picture of Alexander Rakosi is available for free download [here](#).

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