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## **CMS Hasche Sigle advises private equity investors and management on sale of enzyme supplier IEP to Cambrex**

Munich – Private equity investors Future Capital AG Hessen Life Sciences Chemie, Strategic European Technologies N.V. and HeidelbergCapital Private Equity Fund I GmbH & Co. KG and the company's management have sold enzyme supplier IEP GmbH to US-based Cambrex Corporation.

A team from CMS Hasche Sigle led by lead partner Stefan-Ulrich Müller advised the three private equity investors and IEP management on all aspects of the transaction.

Prior to the sale, IEP GmbH was 100% owned by the three investor companies and management. Headquartered in Wiesbaden, the company is a leading global provider of innovative bio-catalytic processes and enzymes. IEP possesses outstanding interdisciplinary expertise in biochemistry, molecular biology and chemistry as well as a portfolio of more than 100 enzymes under patent protection. Using enzyme-based procedures, IEP optimises the manufacturing processes of low molecular weight active pharmaceutical ingredients.

New York Stock Exchange-listed Cambrex Corporation is a leading manufacturer of pharmaceutical substances and supplier of active ingredients and services to the life sciences industry. The company has research and production facilities in the US and Europe.

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