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Dr Christian Haellmigk new coordinator of Energy practice

Stuttgart – Dr Christian Haellmigk has been appointed as new head of the Energy practice, assuming responsibility for a multi-location team of 25 energy law specialists at CMS Hasche Sigle, Germany's leading commercial law firm. Dr Christian Haellmigk takes over from Dr Antje Becker-Boley, who has coordinated the Energy practice in recent years. "I'm looking forward to this challenging task and would like to thank Dr Becker-Boley for the outstanding work she has done in the practice area," said Dr Haellmigk.

The energy experts at CMS Hasche Sigle advise both throughout Germany and internationally. Together with lawyers from the other firms in the CMS organisation, they form an effective network with a strong international dimension. Clients include leading energy companies and their customers. CMS's experts have been advising these clients on energy matters for many years, since long before deregulation got under way.

With this background, CMS Hasche Sigle now has extensive knowledge of the industry and in-depth expertise in all aspects of energy law. Within the practice, the various CMS Hasche Sigle specialists work very closely together to cover regulatory matters, energy contract law, infrastructure law, construction and plant engineering law, project finance, environmental and planning law, M&A/corporate, competition, employment law and litigation.

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CMS Hasche Sigle covers the entire energy value chain:

- Upstream: exploration & production, power plants, pipelines, renewable energy
- Midstream: energy trading, distribution and integrated networks, refineries
- Downstream: distribution grids, regional suppliers, supply of industrial customers and their purchasing operations, contracting.

Born in 1970, Dr Christian Haellmigk studied law in Heidelberg and Bonn, followed by post-graduate studies (LL.M.) at the College of Europe in Bruges, Belgium. Haellmigk began his career as a lawyer at CMS Hasche Sigle in Stuttgart, becoming a partner in 2007. His key specialist areas include energy regulation and energy competition law. He has become well-known in professional circles through the European Court of Justice "citiworks" ruling and various energy-related guideline decisions handed down by the Federal Court of Justice. Examples include "Termination clauses II" (concession contract law), "Stadtwerke Mainz" (abuse case brought by the German Federal Cartel Office relating to charges for use of the electricity grid), "Distribution network operator Rhein-Main-Neckar" (approval of network charges for gas), "Stadtwerke Uelzen", "ENTEGA I" and "ENTEGA II" (all relating to gas pricing) as well as "citiworks" and "Airport network Leipzig/Halle" (in each case network access to site networks).

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