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CMS Hasche Sigle advises HALDER on acquisition of Aqua Vital Group

Frankfurt/Main – SME investor HALDER is buying the Aqua Vital Group, a leading supplier of water dispensers for commercial customers, as part of a management buy-out. HALDER has signed an agreement with the sellers, including funds advised by Aheim Capital, to buy the shares. The transaction is currently awaiting approval from Germany's Federal Cartel Office.

A team led by lead partner and private equity expert Dr Oliver C. Wolfgramm advised HALDER on all aspects of the transaction from the start.

HALDER has been operating as a private equity investor in Germany since 1991 and has provided 34 SMEs with capital for succession and growth.

Aqua Vital has been selling water coolers since 1999, servicing around 30,000 customers throughout Germany. Dispensers can be connected to the mains water supply or fitted with exchangeable containers. The firm currently has some 200 employees. Together with external partners, the company handles installation, supply and servicing of the equipment.

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