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Subject Advising meurer

CMS Hasche Sigle advises on sale of meurer Group to ITW

Frankfurt/Main – The meurer Group, which is based in the Lower Saxony town of Fürstenau, is being acquired in full by ITW LLC & Co. KG, a subsidiary of the US Illinois Tool Works Group (ITW). The CEO, sole shareholder and co-founder of the German final packaging specialist, Christel Meurer, is selling all the shares to the Glenview-based conglomerate. The transaction is awaiting approval from the competition authorities.

The sale was preceded by a competitive bidding process structured by UBS Deutschland's Corporate Advisory Group. This process involved parallel negotiations with several participants up until agreement was reached with ITW. A CMS Hasche Sigle team led by lead partner Dr Hendrik Hirsch advised the seller on all legal aspects of the transaction and provided relevant support.

The meurer Group, established in 1969, develops, produces and sells innovative high-quality packaging machines. Around 600 employees work at the sites in Fürstenau and Freren. The machinery is mainly destined for secondary packaging (distribution and transportation packaging). The portfolio of machines also comprises storage systems, conveyors and palletising equipment, which are positioned upstream or downstream of the packaging machinery. Customers are mostly from the beverages, food, pharmaceutical and cosmetics industries. The meurer Group will retain its company name and be integrated into the Global Packaging Solutions division at ITW.

The ITW Group was established in 1912 and is traded on the NYSE. It comprises more than 800 companies around the world with almost 65,000 employees, engaged in machinery and

industrial plant, tools, chemical products, packaging and transport. Worldwide sales in the 2012 financial year were just under USD 18 billion.

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