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Director

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## New Executive Director for CMS

Frankfurt, 17th June 2013. CMS, the top 10 global law firm<sup>1</sup>, today announced the appointment of Matthias Lichtblau to Executive Director, effective from December 1st.

Currently Director of Business Development and Communications at CMS Germany, Matthias Lichtblau will take over from Matthew Gorman who has held the position since 2007. In his new role, Matthias Lichtblau will work closely with CMS Executive Chairman Cornelius Brandi and will lead the CMS team based in Frankfurt.

Matthias Lichtblau, who is 45, has held his current role since 2007. Previously, he spent seven years at Clifford Chance, starting as a Business Development Manager. Having moved into the European Regional Management team, he was promoted to Head of Business Development for Germany. Matthias Lichtblau studied business administration and economics and has a first degree from Mannheim University, a doctorate from the University of Hohenheim and attended the Said Business School at Oxford University.

Cornelius Brandi commented, "With his track record of outstanding achievement in his previous roles, I am delighted that Matthias Lichtblau has accepted this position. His strong leadership, his deep experience of our industry and knowledge of CMS will be a great asset to us. For Matthias, the role offers a great opportunity to assume a leading role at the centre of our successful organization.

Matthew Gorman leaves us after six successful years during which he developed a firm-wide service function in Frankfurt, building up the business development, marketing, technology, training and finance functions. He played a leading role in the establishment of the CMS Academy, our firm-wide training program and chaired the CMS Quality Committee. Matthew, who is leaving us for personal reasons as he is emigrating with his family to New Zealand, has been a highly valued colleague and a true champion of CMS. The executive team of CMS and I wish him all the very best for the future."

Matthias Lichtblau adds, "After six years with CMS Germany, I am very excited to be moving into the role of Executive Director of CMS, with its broad geographic scope, its ambitious plans and its new challenges ahead. The next few years will bring some significant changes both to the business of law and to CMS and I am looking forward to being part of the team that tackles these challenges."

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<sup>1</sup> Based on number of lawyers (Am Law 2012 Global 100).

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