**Press release**

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**CMS advises Ilim Timber on acquisition of two sawmills from Tyrolean Klausner Group**

The Russian wood and timber manufacturer Ilim Timber Industry acquired two of the largest sawmill and planing mill facilities in Europe, situated in Wismar and Landsberg in Germany, from the Tyrolean Klausner Group. In addition, there are plans to acquire the production premises of the former sawmill in Adelebsen in the German federal state of Lower Saxony. With this move, Ilim Timber expands its production capacity and extends its access to important markets in Europe, North America, Asia and Australia. Klausner remains the owner of the Group’s other two sawmills in Germany.

CMS Reich-Rohrwig Hainz advised on this transaction with an international CMS team from Germany, Russia and Switzerland. “Once again, CMS Reich-Rohrwig Hainz has shown its strength in cross-border transactions that involve Russia,” says Managing Partner Peter Huber.

Ilim Timber is the leading Russian manufacturer of softwood sawn wood, deep processed timber products, softwood plywood and fibreboard. The sawmills acquired by Ilim Timber have about 530 employees and a sawing capacity of over two million cubic metres per year.

A picture of Peter Huber is available at <http://sites.cms-rrh.com/downloads/huber.zip>

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