

Deal Report

Hengeler advises on first mega-deal of the year

Messer Griesheim, a leading producer of industrial and specialty gases, has sold its operations in Germany, the United Kingdom and the United States to L'Air Liquide S.A. The completion of the transaction is dependent on various closing conditions.

Hengeler Mueller advised Allianz Capital Partners and various private equity funds managed by Goldman Sachs, which jointly hold the majority of shares in Messer Griesheim. Advice was provided by Christof Jäckle, Johannes Tieves, Emanuel Strehle und Annette Zander (M&A / Corporate), Alf-Henrik Bischke (Competition), Hermann-Josef Tries (Tax) and Wolfgang Spoerr (Regulatory and Environment). Hengeler Mueller worked on this transaction together with Milbank Tweed Hadley & McCloy, which advised on issues related to U.S. and UK law.

Messer Industrie GmbH, the third shareholder in the Messer Griesheim Group, was advised by Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer, while counsel to L'Air Liquide S.A. was Gleiss Lutz Hootz & Hirsch, Bredin Prat, Cleary Gottlieb Steen & Hamilton and Coudert Brothers.

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