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## Deal Report

### **Bayer Group reorganization completed with LANXESS start of trading**

As of January 31, 2005, the shares of LANXESS AG are being traded on the official market of the Frankfurt Stock Exchange (Prime Standard). LANXESS AG is continuing major portions of the former chemical activities and around one-third of the former polymer activities of the Bayer Group. Bayer AG divested itself of these activities by way of a spin-off, which took place under the German Transformation Act (*Umwandlungsgesetz*) and became effective on January 28, 2005. All shares in LANXESS AG, now independent from the Bayer Group, were allotted to the Bayer shareholders. With net sales totalling approximately 6.3 billion euros in 2003 and around 19,600 employees, LANXESS is one of the largest chemical companies in Europe.

Hengeler Mueller advised Bayer AG on this group reorganization, the largest in the history of the Bayer Group. Advice was provided by partners Dr. Andreas Austmann, Dr. Carsten Schapmann (both corporate) and Dr. Reinhold Ernst (capital markets) in addition to associates Ferit Schnieders, Dr. Alexander Nolte, Cecilia Di Cio and Dr. Axel Hamann.

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