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## Deal Report

### **Hengeler advises on merger of all German Coca-Cola bottlers**

Following three years of preparation, the independent German Coca-Cola bottlers, who manage some 35 % of Coca-Cola's German business, have reached an agreement on the merger with Coca-Cola Erfrischungsgetränke AG, which is fully owned by The Coca-Cola Company in Atlanta, USA and responsible for the rest of Coca-Cola's business in Germany. The merger will take effect at the end of August 2007. This transaction required the transfer of 18 individual companies with various different owners on to Coca-Cola Erfrischungsgetränke AG, which is now the only remaining Coca-Cola bottler in Germany.

Hengeler Mueller has been advising the independent Coca-Cola bottlers. Advice has been provided by partners Matthias Blaum (Corporate, Lead Partner), Jochen Burrichter (Competition) and Hermann-Josef Tries (Tax) in addition to associates Martin Rothfuchs, Alexander Nolte, Christian Hoefs, Mathias Link and Kerstin Henrich.

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