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## **Hengeler Mueller advises GTZ on merger of German development aid organisations**

On December 16, 2010, the merger of the three development aid organisations of the Federal Republic of Germany was notarized in Berlin: *Deutscher Entwicklungsdienst* (DED) and *InWEnt Internationale Weiterbildung und Entwicklung* (InWEnt) were merged into *Deutsche Gesellschaft für Technische Zusammenarbeit* (GTZ). GTZ will in the future use the company name *Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit* (GIZ) and will have a double corporate seat at Eschborn and Bonn, the two traditional locations of the German development aid organisations. GIZ will combine the experience, the competence and the worldwide reputation built up over decades by the three development aid organisations and will commence its work on January 1, 2011.

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Hengeler Mueller has advised GTZ on this transaction. Led by partners Burkhardt Meister (Corporate) and Hans-Joachim Liebers (Labour), (both Frankfurt), the team also included partners Cord-Georg Hasselmann (Corporate/Public Procurement, Berlin), Joachim Rosengarten (Corporate), Martin Klein (Tax) and Ernst-Thomas Kraft (Accounting), (all Frankfurt), Dirk Uwer (Regulatory, Düsseldorf), Hans-Jörg Niemeyer (Competition, Brussels) and Wolfgang Kellenter (Company Names/Trademarks, Düsseldorf) as well as associates Timm Ebner and Andreas Hoger (both Corporate, Frankfurt), Arne Lambrecht (Company Names/Trademarks) and Malte Jaguttis (Regulatory), (both Düsseldorf), and Peter Wehner and Christian Häußer (both Labour, Frankfurt).

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