

Press Release: KSLEX – Consolidation in fourth Financial Year

Munich, **August 2016** – The fourth financial year of KSLEX was determined by a phase of consolidation. The client base could be strengthened.

“While the project nature of the client work especially in the first financial years led to a certain asymmetric balance of sales, we now succeeded in achieving a more homogeneous sales structure by strengthening our client base”, maintains Jörg Kretschmer, founding partner of KSLEX. Frank Schmeisser, also a founding partner, adds, “It is encouraging that we were able to set priorities in our main fields of competence corporate law / corporate litigation and IP / copyright and media law.”

Hence, the past financial year was predominantly driven by corporate law and copyright and media law. KSLEX represented DPD Systemlogistik GmbH & Co. KG, a minority shareholder of the parcel service provider DPD (majority owned by the group of the French La Poste) which previously was owned by the parcel service provider GLS (which belongs to the group of British Royal Mail) in a shareholders dispute with the majority shareholder which could be settled in 2015, and GLS in connection with its withdrawal from DPD. Furthermore, KSLEX represented members of the board of directors and the supervisory board of a stock corporation in connection with directors’ and officers’ liability claimed by the company’s receiver. Moreover, KSLEX (i) represented a Berlin based development company in connection with the exclusion of a shareholder, (ii) negotiated a mezzanine investment of Mittelständische Beteiligungsgesellschaft Hessen mbH on behalf of an independent label and (iii) advised the seller of an engineering service provider in connection with the settlement of post M&A disputes with the Indian buyer group. Also, KSLEX advised the UK sub-group of a major Japanese pharmaceutical company in connection with its integration and sales activities in Germany. Finally, KSLEX advised the French sub-group of a US based global leader in advanced energy and environmental technologies in connection with operative issues on the German market, and a large German agricultural association in litigious and operative matters.

With respect to copyright and media law KSLEX advised a successful German independent film label in connection with film finance (pre-sales) agreements for movie projects with Nicolas Cage, Bruce Willis, Keanu Reeves and Arnold Schwarzenegger, and in connection with license arrangements for the VOD exploitation of films with Bud Spencer and Terence Hill.

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