



RKH successfully advised Telio, a portfolio company of Charterhouse Capital Partners, on the acquisition of Gerdes Communications

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Raschke von Knobelsdorff Heiser (RKH) advised Telio – the European market leader in technology- and communication services for correctional facilities – on the acquisition of Gerdes Communications GmbH (GCM) with seat in Meckenheim.

The Hamburg-based service provider Telio was founded in 1998 to enable inmates of correctional facilities to keep contact with their families and the outside world by means of secure communication technology. Today, the company lead by Oliver Drews (CEO and shareholder) of Hamburg makes part of the global market leaders in the field of inmate-communication and supports over 650 correctional facilities in 22 countries with its highly developed media systems and inmate telephony solutions.

GCM is a fully owned subsidiary of Meckenheim-based Gerdes AG and like Telio specializes in telephony- and digitalization-processes in the penitentiary system. Telios current acquisition of GCM marks an important step in the expansion of the Hamburg-based company founded 25 years ago.

Telio in all corporate law and tax issues was advised by a team lead by RKH partner Dr. Dominik Ziegenhahn (Corporate/M&A), consisting of inter alia Of Counsel Prof. Dr. Christian Möller (Tax) and Senior Associate Dr. Cornelius Karcher (Corporate/M&A). RKH was assisted by Dr. Kai-Uwe Plath and Christoph Jenal of KNPZ (IP/IT), Dr. Michael Kuhnke of Schramm Meyer Kuhnke (Labor Law) und Dr. Annette Mutschler-Siebert and Marion Baumann of K&L Gates (Anti-Trust and Competition Law and Public Procurement Law).

Carlsquare once again advised Telio on this transaction as exclusive financial advisor. The sell-side was advised by a team lead by Associated Partner Dr. Alexander Goertz of Flick Gocke Schaumburg.

Background

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