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Commeo advises Carglass on the acquisition of ATU's vehicle glass business

Frankfurt am Main – Commeo advised Carglass, the leading expert in automotive glass repair and replacement, on competition law matters regarding the acquisition of ATU's vehicle glass business. Christoph Weinert (lead), Dr. Jörg-Martin Schultze and Franziska Lange-Schlüter as well as in-house Wolfgang Lehr and Kristina Heistermann acted for Carglass.

The Federal Cartel Office cleared the transaction after a 7-months main examination proceeding with in-depth investigations. The effects of the proposed merger were examined on a nationwide basis and it was found that there would be no significant impediment of competition since alternative glass specialists and independent auto-repair centers as well as the auto-repair shops of their vehicle model manufacturer remain available for customers to choose from to repair their glass damage. The relevance of car insurers for the market conditions was also taken into account.

The Federal Cartel Office examined the future cooperation planned by Carglass and ATU in parallel to the merger control proceeding under the prohibition of cartels pursuant to Art. 101 TFEU and Sec. 1 GWB. This proceeding was discontinued after the parties limited the extent of the cooperation.

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