

Bio Synthetic Natural Gas for Austria

Vienna, 28 September 2022 – Wolf Theiss advises Hartree Partners (UK) Ltd, a subsidiary of global energy and commodities merchant Hartree Partners LP, on the establishment of a joint venture with CeFET GmbH in the field of BioSNG (renewable methane) production.

Wolf Theiss was responsible for the structuring of the joint venture, drafting and negotiating the contractual documentation, as well as coordinating and handling the establishment of the project companies. The signing of the cooperation documents and the establishment of the project companies took place in summer 2022.

Under the co-lead of partner Christian Mikosch and senior associate Gregor Grablowitz, associate Klemens Kendler and associate Paul Yulu (Corporate), senior associate Anna Schwamberger and associate Dorothea Arlt (Employment), partner Manfred Essletzbichler, counsel Philipp Marboe, senior associate Harald Strahberger and legal trainee Daniel Schmidt (Regulatory & Procurement), partner Erik Steger and associate Hewi Luczynski (Real Estate), partner Thomas Anderl and senior associate Philipp Szelinger (Disputes) and consultant Karin Spindler-Simader (Tax) were part of the Wolf Theiss team.

"The project was characterised by a great cooperation of all parties involved and thus efficiently moved from the planning to the implementation phase notwithstanding the complex and multi-faceted structure" says Gregor Grablowitz.

"Providing legal support for such an innovative BioSNG project corresponds to Wolf Theiss' core competence. Every area of law was covered by specialists and innovative solutions were developed for the client," adds Christian Mikosch.

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About Hartree

Hartree Partners is a global energy and commodities trading company, with decades of experience in the physical and financial energy and commodities markets. Hartree is at the forefront of finding investment solutions, consulting, and generating sustainable and commercially viable strategies for energy renewal and regeneration. The company has an extensive portfolio including midstream natural gas, oil assets, power generation, renewables, and environmental products. Hartree’s rigorous research, analytical approach, and entrepreneurial culture have contributed to its strong track record and growth.

About CeFET

CeFET, based in Güssing, Austria, is a pioneer in the field of renewable energy with more than 25 years of experience in renewable energy projects. The family company is specialized in the field of the dual-fluidized-bed gasification process for the production of BioSNG (renewable methane) and hydrogen from biomass.

About Wolf Theiss

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