



## Press release

### THProjektmanagement, makon and Global Assessment merge to form VALTEQ

**Dr. Thomas Herr, Jürgen Scheins and Dr. Gabriele Lüft will assume the management of the joint company.**

**Berlin, 11 January 2012.** With immediate effect, THProjektmanagement GmbH, makon GmbH & Co. KG and Global Assessment GmbH will operate together as VALTEQ. Dr. Thomas Herr, Jürgen Scheins and Dr. Gabriele Lüft announced the fusion today in Berlin. With the merger VALTEQ will develop into a market-leading technical consulting firm at the interface between the real estate industry, finance industry, design and construction industry, users and operators.

"With the fusion of our companies, we will not only be improving our future market coverage from a geographical viewpoint, but also in terms of expertise and personnel. Thanks to the know-how and experience of all three companies, VALTEQ has unequalled market experience in the fields of technical and environmental due diligence, project management, technical asset management, facility management, energy-efficiency and sustainability consulting," says THP founder and Principal Director, Dr. Thomas Herr, explaining the expansion move. Since its foundation in 2002, THProjektmanagement GmbH has cemented its place on the market as an independent specialist consultant for the analysis of costs and risks in real estate portfolios. Together with Jürgen Scheins and Dr. Gabriele Lüft, Dr. Herr will assume the management of VALTEQ.

"As of now, we will be operating jointly with around 50 employees from our VALTEQ locations in Berlin, Munich, Stuttgart, Nuremberg and Frankfurt am Main. This broad base will allow us to be even closer to our customers to fulfil our mandates for banks and insurance firms, private equity companies, funds and real estate companies, as well as public-sector corporations and major concerns whose core business lies outside the scope of the real estate industry," says Jürgen Scheins, who, since 2005 - as the Principal Director of makon which was founded in 1996 - was instrumental in expanding the firm's consulting and services offering across the board of construction and real estate-related matters and, at the end of 2011, assumed all company shares in makon.

"Apart from expanding our market position in Germany, we are also aiming at further growth impetus by tapping into international real estate markets with this merger. In doing so, we want to utilise our strength as a consulting firm for technical real estate matters," adds Dr. Gabriele Lüft, who founded Global Assessment GmbH in Frankfurt am Main, following the takeover of



LandAmerica Assessment GmbH in 2009. In this respect, particular importance is placed on international networking in the GRS Group with partners in the USA, Japan and Europe.

VALTEQ's service spectrum encompasses all forms of real estate, from housing, offices and retail, through operator properties, such as hotels and healthcare facilities, right up to logistics and industrial real estate. The services provided for these property types include technical and environmental due diligence, environmental and environmental-compliance consulting, technical asset management and project management. In addition to this, VALTEQ provides services in facility management and corporate real estate management consulting, as well as sustainability and energy-efficiency consulting, including Green Building certification and sustainability reporting.

"In the future, our day-to-day work will also focus on providing personal support for our customers. Therefore, old contacts will remain intact. In the past our companies already shared the moral concepts of good and high-quality technical real estate consulting; now, our name, VALTEQ represents these common principals ," say the three Managing Directors. "In the past, all companies were equally characterised by a company culture based on partnerships; we are therefore certain that we can realise this merger swiftly."

**VALTEQ** was founded in January 2012 as a partnership-based merger of the companies, THProjektmanagement GmbH, makon GmbH & Co. KG and Global Assessment GmbH. The company has around 50 employees and branch offices in Berlin, Frankfurt am Main, Munich, Stuttgart and Nuremberg. The service spectrum of the market-leading technical real estate consulting firm encompasses technical and environmental due diligence, environmental and environmental-compliance consulting, project management, technical asset management, as well as facility management and corporate real estate management consulting. In addition to this, VALTEQ provides services in sustainability and energy-efficiency consulting, including Green Building certification and sustainability reporting.

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