

WFW ADVISES JX NIPPON MINING & METALS ON ACQUISITION FINANCING OF H.C. STARCK TANTALUM & NIOBIUM

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Watson Farley & Williams (“WFW”) has advised JX Nippon Mining & Metals Corporation on the financing by Mizuho Bank (Düsseldorf) of its acquisition of H.C. Starck Tantalum and Niobium GmbH. The seller was H.C. Starck GmbH, which is owned by funds managed by Advent International and The Carlyle Group.

JX Nippon Mining & Metals Corporation is a subsidiary of JXTG Holdings, Inc., the Tokyo headquartered Japanese petroleum and metals conglomerate. With production facilities in Germany, Japan and Thailand, H.C. Starck Tantalum and Niobium GmbH develops and manufactures high performance metal powders for capacitors and sputter targets.

The WFW Hamburg Banking & Finance team advising JX Nippon Mining & Metals Corporation was led by Partner Dr Stefan Kilgus. He was supported by Partner Sven Fretthold, Managing Associate Dr Pascal Unger and Associate Dr Matthias Abendroth. They worked closely throughout the transaction with ARQIS Rechtsanwälte, who led the transaction on the M&A and corporate law side, and Nishimura & Asahi who led on Japanese and Thai law matters.

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