

## Press release

### Milestone in expansion of the engineering business

ASSMANN BERATEN + PLANEN AG boosts BKW's engineering network

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**The acquisition of ASSMANN BERATEN + PLANEN marks an important step forward in BKW's expansion of its engineering competences, strengthening its international network of engineering expertise for major projects. The addition of the well-known German general planner and project manager means that the BKW Group now employs more than 1,000 employees in Germany, Austria and Switzerland in its engineering department alone.**



ASSMANN BERATEN + PLANEN AG was founded in 1959 as an engineering firm providing structural analysis services. Today, the successful engineering company, which is headquartered in Berlin, is one of Germany's largest general planners and project managers. The company's focus is real estate, and it has been carrying out large-scale, complex projects in this area for several decades. Previous projects include, for example, airports, production facilities and retail properties. With 465 employees across 10 locations in Germany, ASSMANN BERATEN + PLANEN advises on, plans and manages key national and international projects.

Following last year's takeover of the LINDSCHULTE Group and IFB Eigenschenk, BKW's latest acquisition represents another milestone in the strengthening of its engineering services business – an area that has been a part of the company's portfolio since its inception. BKW thus possesses many years' experience in the realisation of large power plant and grid construction projects, as well as in flood protection and water planning. The acquisition of engineering companies boosts BKW's existing expertise, and significantly expands and develops its environmental and infrastructure sectors. By providing access to the international markets, BKW also helps to strengthen Switzerland's position as an industrial centre and to safeguard jobs in the Bern region.

Today, the BKW Group commands a wide network of engineering companies and implements pioneering infrastructure projects across Europe. Further development plans are focussed on the German-speaking market, where the need for investment in the regeneration, expansion and maintenance of energy, water and traffic infrastructure is particularly high.

ASSMANN BERATEN + PLANEN will remain an economically independent company headquartered in Berlin. There will be no changes for customers and employees. Completion of the transaction is subject to approval by the German antitrust authority.

#### **BKW**

The BKW Group is a Bern-based international energy and infrastructure company employing more than 5,500 people. The diversity of the company's expertise allows it to offer its customers a full range of tailored services. The Group plans, builds and operates infrastructure to produce and supply energy to businesses, households and the public sector. The BKW Group offers a wide range of services, from building technologies, infrastructure engineering and digital business models for renewable energies to traditional multi-utility infrastructure services.

The registered shares of BKW AG are listed on the SIX Swiss Exchange and the BX Berne eXchange.

#### **ASSMANN BERATEN + PLANEN**

ASSMANN BERATEN + PLANEN was founded in 1959 as an engineering firm providing structural analysis services. With 465 employees across 10 locations, an annual turnover of more than EUR 50 million and over 55 years of experience, ASSMANN BERATEN + PLANEN is one of Germany's largest general planners and project managers. ASSMANN BERATEN + PLANEN has been managing major projects for decades and currently operates in nine fields of activity in the real estate sector. As a consultant, planner and manager, ASSMANN BERATEN + PLANEN offers its clients an experienced, central point of contact for everything from the development of the initial project idea through to its approval, implementation and maintenance.