

**LIEDEKERKE WOLTERS WAELBROECK KIRKPATRICK CROWNED
“BEST BENELUX LAW FIRM ” 2011**

Brussels, 29 June 2011 – Liedekerke Wolters Waelbroeck Kirkpatrick (Belgium) has just been named as the “Best Benelux Law Firm” of 2011 by the jury of the International Legal Alliance Summit Awards (ILASA) at a gala held in Paris on 23 June 2011, where Senior Partner, Philippe Malherbe, accepted the prestigious award, equal first along with the firm of Loyens & Loeff.

The jury was made up of legal and financial directors of top-link multinational companies, including Vivendi, Ingersoll Rand, The Walt Disney Company, CIT Group, Dexia, Sogeti, Accenture, SFR and Bpost. The key criteria considered by the ILASA jury cover services and advice provided over the past two years in transaction matters, the profiles of the partners and Corporate & Finance teams, and the overall financial and HR development of the firm.

Liedekerke is pleased to be honoured with this award for the second time: it was already bestowed on the firm in 2010, together with Arendt & Medernach (Luxembourg).

“Throughout 2010 and the first half of 2011 – even with market conditions still showing some weakness – Liedekerke’s M&A practice was engaged for headline transactions and experienced sustained growth. This continued presence in major M&A work is evidence of the market’s appreciation for its approach, which is based on combining the highest legal expertise with sound tailor-made business solutions,” says Thierry Tilquin, Liedekerke partner in charge of the Corporate & Finance department. *“Importantly, also in more recent transactions, large, highly complex matters are entrusted to our Corporate & Finance team, showing that it can be expected to maintain its leading position in this field.”*

“This award is once again a distinction for our partners but especially also for their teams: it is a public embodiment of the spirit of service and excellence that motivates them. Their combined expertise enables us to view issues globally and provide efficient, innovative solutions,” adds Jan Vincent Lindemans, Liedekerke’s Managing Partner.

Founded in 1965 and with a complement of 130 lawyers, Liedekerke is Belgium’s premier business law firm with a reputation of excellence in each of its specialty practices.

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