

Sale of leading specialist distributor of ingredients into the Nutritional and Chemical life science sectors

Corbett Keeling announces that LEHVOSS UK Limited, the UK subsidiary of Germany-based Lehmann&Voss&Co, has acquired Gee Lawson Holdings Limited from its shareholders whom Corbett Keeling advised.

Corbett Keeling is an established corporate finance firm with a track record of over 20 years guiding owners through the process of selling their businesses, advising management teams on buy-outs and buy-ins, and providing specialist corporate finance advice.

Gee Lawson, founded in 1936 and employing 34 with its head office in London, is a leading specialist distributor of ingredients into the Nutritional and Chemical life science sectors across Europe and the US. The transaction is a strategic move that strengthens the LEHVOSS Group portfolio in the nutritional and life science sectors across Europe and globally.

The team at Corbett Keeling, led by Jim Keeling, advised Gee Lawson's shareholders on the sale to LEHVOSS UK Limited, which completed on 7 August 2015.

Jonathan Shorts, former owner of Gee Lawson, said: "We saw in LEHVOSS UK a company with many of the key attributes we see in ourselves and it became an easy decision to sell to them. We were delighted with the advice and assistance we obtained from the Corbett Keeling team throughout the process in order to reach that point.

"With the backing of the LEHVOSS Group, we will be able to support and grow both our supply base and customers in helping develop sales and distribution throughout Europe and further, in line with our goals. The LEHVOSS Group offers us a great opportunity which my team and I are looking forward to."

Ivan Pennington, Managing Director of LEHVOSS UK, said: "Gee Lawson provides a strategic opportunity and fits well with our vision for the future being focused on a sector in which we want to develop and grow as a group. The working ethos of both Companies will ensure a good future as both businesses continue to provide quality services and products. It is very important that Gee Lawson continues doing what it does best and that we ensure successful business development. With the group's backing and support we firmly believe we can help Gee Lawson achieve their ambitious growth plans across Europe and the US."

Jim Keeling, Chairman of Corbett Keeling, said: "LEHVOSS UK, as a new owner, is a great match for Gee Lawson. We are delighted at the successful outcome."

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About Corbett Keeling

Corbett Keeling is an established corporate finance firm with a track record of over 20 years providing the services it continues to deliver today: advising management teams on buy-outs and buy-ins, guiding owners through the process of selling their businesses and providing specialist corporate finance advice.

Corbett Keeling operates in conjunction with a team of industry experts and international partners to offer both sector specialist advice and global reach. This approach is designed to ensure our clients receive the best possible advice and stand the best chance of achieving the optimal outcome for them and their businesses.

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About the LEHVOSS Group

The LEHVOSS Group, governed by Lehmann&Voss&Co., Hamburg, is a group of companies in the chemicals sector, which is developing, producing and marketing chemical and mineral specialties for various industrial clients.

Lehmann&Voss&Co., Hamburg, was founded in 1894 as a trading house. Since then, the owner-run company has evolved into a powerful global organisation - with long-standing connections to prominent, mainly foreign suppliers with their own production sites.

For more information on the LEHVOSS Group please visit www.lehvoss.de.