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BEITEN BURKHARDT Partner Support Reconstruction of the Viewing Tower "GOETHETURM"

Frankfurt am Main, 12 October 2017 – Immediately after the Frankfurt Goethe Tower had gone up in flames, Partners of the international law firm BEITEN BURKHARDT have decided to establish a non-profit association in support of its reconstruction.

The Goethe Tower, built in 1931, had completely burnt down during the night between Wednesday and Thursday; at this juncture the police suspect an act of arson. The 43-metre high viewing tower was situated in the Frankfurt city forest and it was a popular destination for locals and visitors alike. The viewing tower was considered a landmark and was the highest publicly accessible timber construction in Germany until 1999. The Frankfurt landmark received its name on the occasion of the forthcoming 100th anniversary of Johann Wolfgang Goethe's death at its inauguration almost 86 years ago.

The Frankfurt population was dismayed and reacted to the fire with regret and deep concern. The Goethe Tower was a monument of high symbolic value for many Frankfurt citizens, and so the call for its reconstruction is loud. Frankfurt politicians have already positively commented the idea of such a reconstruction.

But not only politics has expressed its dismay through commitment: The non-profit association established by BEITEN BURKHARDT partners, to be found via the website www.wiederaufbau-goetheturm.de will set up a donations account to collect donations for the reconstruction. The initiators are convinced that the citizens of Frankfurt as much as Frankfurt's economy will live up to Frankfurt's best tradition of patronage and contribute to the reconstruction of this important landmark and beautiful destination to visit.



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