[DE] Springer Appeals Against Ban

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Axel Springer AG has appealed to the *Oberlandesgericht Düsseldorf* (Düsseldorf Court of Appeal - OLG) against the decision of the *Bundeskartellamt* (Federal Cartel Authority) to prohibit Springer's takeover ofProSiebenSat.1 Media AG (see IRIS 2006-2: 9). According to the appellant, the purpose of the appeal is to obtain the necessary legal certainty for future acquisition procedures. In its opinion, the grounds set out by the *Bundeskartellamt* for its decision, should they be confirmed by the *OLG* , would effectively prevent the company from growing in Germany through the acquisition of other companies.

Meanwhile, the *Medienrat* (Media Council) of the *Bayerische Landesmedienanstalt* (Bavarian *Land* media authority - BLM) has withdrawn its appeal against the decision of the *Kommission zur Ermittlung der Konzentration im Medienbereich* (Commission on Concentration in the Media - KEK). The BLM had wanted proceedings to continue. Now, however, at its meeting on 7 March 2006, the *Konferenz der Direktoren der Landesmedienanstalten* (Conference of Directors of the *Land* Media Authorities - KDLM) agreed that the BLM's application was no longer relevant following the decision to abandon the takeover plans.

Pressemitteilung der Axel Springer AG vom 23. Februar 2006

http://www.axelspringer.de

Press release of Axel Springer AG of 23 February 2006

Pressemitteilung der KDLM vom 7. März 2006

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