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**Wolters Kluwer Legal, Tax & Regulatory Europe Appoints  
CEO Wolters Kluwer Central & Eastern Europe**

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Amsterdam (October 2, 2006) - Wolters Kluwer Legal, Tax & Regulatory Europe, a division of Wolters Kluwer and leading provider of information for legal, tax & regulatory professionals, announced today the appointment of Michael Koch as CEO Wolters Kluwer Central & Eastern Europe, starting in March 2007. Mr. Koch succeeds André Raven, who will retire early in 2007. Mr. Raven has worked for Wolters Kluwer for over 30 years.

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As CEO for the region of Central and Eastern Europe, Mr. Koch (39, Austrian) will lead his team in further expanding the Central and Eastern European business through strong organic revenue growth and strategic acquisitions. Wolters Kluwer is present in Poland, Hungary, Czech Republic, Slovakia, Romania and Russia with well-respected brands LEX and ABC (Poland), ASPI (Czech Republic and Slovakia), and CompLex (Hungary). The large majority of the activities in Central and Eastern Europe center around providing legal, financial-fiscal, HR, public administration information via electronic media. Wolters Kluwer employs approximately 875 people in the region.

"Central and Eastern European companies are facing interesting market developments related their countries' recent entrance to the European Union," says Rolv Eide, divisional CEO. "We can further accelerate profitable growth in this region as result of emerging markets and the business development opportunities that membership in the European Union provides. I am pleased that Michael Koch will join our team, he brings valuable experience in leveraging synergies in marketing and sales in large corporations, managing acquisitions, and extending market share."

Prior to joining Wolters Kluwer, Mr. Koch spent five years at Mondi Packaging, serving as Group and Divisional Sales and Marketing Director and country Managing Director. Previously, he held several general management positions in global Fast Moving Consumer Goods companies over 10 years.

Mr. Koch holds a Master's degree in Business Administration and Economics from Vienna University. Mr. Koch will report directly to Mr. Eide and will be based in Vienna, Austria.

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18,400 people worldwide and maintains operations across Europe, North America and Asia Pacific.

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