

## **HABAU reaches agreement with SCWP Schindhelm and Haslinger / Nagele with BWB (*Bundswettbewerbsbehörde* [Federal Competition Authority]) and Federal Cartel Lawyer**

**Following STRABAG, PORR, and then SWIETELSKY, the HABAU Group, number 4 in the Austrian construction industry, has now reached a settlement with the official parties.**

The fine awarded is €26.33 million lower than that of its competitors. The decisive factor for this is, among other things, that the four affected enterprises in the HABAU Group were not involved in the disputed agreements to the same extent as the market leaders. Cooperation with the competition authorities along with the introduction of a comprehensive compliance program and the introduction of a digital whistle-blower system also had a reducing effect.

The Upper Austrian family-owned company has been accompanied by Haslinger / Nagele and SCWP Schindhelm since the BWB's house search in May 2017. As the first enterprises to be accused of belonging to the "construction cartel" in autumn of 2020, the four HABAU enterprises received a formal fine application at the antitrust court from the BWB.

Representative HABAU group companies

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Representative BWB

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