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Dr Christian Kaufmann from PLUTA appointed as provisional Administrator for Synthese

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Dr Christian Kaufmann from PLUTA Rechtsanwalts GmbH has been appointed as the provisional insolvency administrator for the Bremen-based child, youth and family support institute "Synthese Kinder-, Jugend- und Familienhilfe GmbH & Co. KG". He previously acted as the provisional insolvency monitor for the company.

On 13 July 2018, the Local Court of Bremen cancelled the court order for provisional debtor-in-possession proceedings and has ordered provisional insolvency administration for Synthese's assets. The salaries of the 69 employees of the social institute are guaranteed until the end of August 2018 thanks to the so-called insolvency substitute benefits. The experienced social educationalists and psychologists will continue to provide counselling without any restrictions. Moreover, even during the proceedings, those young people admitted to the institute will receive the full range of qualified services.

The PLUTA attorney Dr Kaufmann stated, "I am continuing the full scope of business operations together with Synthese's very committed employees and my team. Luckily, keen interest is being shown by investors, which is why I expect to find a good, long-term solution for

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Synthese in the near future." Ms Miriam Rothmund and Mr André Gildehaus from PLUTA are giving the restructuring expert support during the proceedings.

The institute offers families, children as well as juveniles both inpatient and outpatient care as well as support in difficult phases of life in the form of intensive counselling and coaching. Outpatient measures include sociopedagogical family support, assistance in the upbringing of children as well as intensive, individual sociopedagogical support. The facilities for inpatient care consist of a therapeutic residential group, an intensive pedagogical residential group as well as three youth communes for unaccompanied, underage migrants. Altogether 121 people are currently being given inpatient and outpatient care by Synthese.

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