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pbb Deutsche Pfandbriefbank provides financing for two French hospitals

- Loans total € 80 million
- Christophe: "Transactions confirm pbb's impressive credentials in the health sector"

Munich/Paris, 31 October 2013 – pbb Deutsche Pfandbriefbank, the public investment finance specialist, has provided the "Centre Hospitalier Universitaire de Toulouse" and the "Centre Hospitalier Belfort-Montbéliard" with long-term loans of € 40 million each. Both transactions closed in August 2013, bringing the total number of transactions with French hospitals to 17 over the last 20 months.

Described in 2012 as the best hospital in France by the weekly news magazine *Le Point*, the "Centre Hospitalier Universitaire de Toulouse" has a total of 2,860 beds ranged across nine different sites. This makes it the largest regional hospital in Région Midi-Pyrénées. The funds provided will partly finance the construction of the new 600-bed and 26 operating theatres' Pierre-Paul Riquet hospital.

The "Centre Hospitalier Belfort-Montbéliard" has recently launched the construction of the hospital "Nord-Franche-Comté" which, from mid 2016, will merge the two major sites of Belfort and Montbéliard, presently located 25 kilometers from each other. Situated in the heart of an urban area with a population of more than 350, 000 inhabitants, the new hospital building will offer a range of care including medicine, surgery and obstetrics and have a 780-bed capacity.

Jean Christophe, Head of Public Investment Finance and General Manager of pbb Deutsche Pfandbriefbank's French branch, said: "These transactions confirm pbb Deutsche Pfandbriefbank's impressive credentials in the health sector. Our expertise is clearly demonstrated by the fact that between 2012 and now, 17 French hospitals have chosen pbb as their funding partner. We want to be a long term financing partner with public institutions through our commitment and our understanding of their specific needs."

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