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The fraudsters are using PLUTA's brand name, logo and business address as well as the name of a PLUTA attorney for this. The fraudulent emails are being sent to third parties from the domains pluta-ra.net, pluta-ra.de and pluta-recht.de. The perpetrators have put together a professional-looking PDF and are claiming to offer an attractive asset sale opportunity. These emails advertising the supposed sale are presumably being sent in bulk to SMEs and industrial companies. With this type of fraud, payment is typically requested upfront but the goods never materialise.

PLUTA wishes to point out that, as a rule, vehicles and other assets are realised in a structured and transparent sales process in insolvency and restructuring proceedings. There are no mass mailings, and no unsolicited offers are made. PLUTA already warned of similar frauds in late 2023 and early 2025. Once again, PLUTA has immediately filed a criminal complaint against unknown persons. The operator of the domains has also been requested to immediately suspend the accounts in question and to preserve the data for the police investigation.

About PLUTA

PLUTA helps corporates through legally and financially demanding situations. We support them at every stage of the company life cycle – in mergers & acquisitions (M&A), in restructuring, and through turnaround and going-concern solutions in a crisis or an insolvency. Where it helps, PLUTA restructuring specialists also step into management roles. Founded in 1982, PLUTA has grown steadily and today employs more than 600 people in Germany, Spain and Italy. More than 300 of them – business specialists, business graduates, lawyers, commercial lawyers, tax consultants, auditors, sworn auditors, economists, banking specialists, accountants, engineers and specialists in insolvency administration, many of them holding more than one qualification – work out solutions that are practicable and make commercial sense. PLUTA ranks among the leading restructuring firms, as rankings and awards from WirtschaftsWoche, Focus, Handelsblatt, brand eins, INDat, JUVE, The Legal 500 and the Lexology Index confirm. More information at www.pluta.net.

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