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High Order of the Republic of Romania to Günter Geyer

Günter Geyer, Chairman of the Managing Board of Wiener Städtische Versicherungsverein, was awarded the “**Industrial and Commercial Merit Order**“ in the category “**Grand Officer**” by the **President of State Traian Băsescu**. The decoration was presented to Mr. Geyer by **H.E. Silvia Davidoiu, Romanian Ambassador to Austria**, in a ceremony at the embassy in Vienna on 14 May.

In her laudatio H.E. Silvia Davidoiu paid tribute to the meritorious services of Mr. Geyer to the Romanian insurance industry as well as the friendly economic relations between the two countries.

Wiener Städtische Versicherungsverein is the main shareholder of Vienna Insurance Group, which Mr. Günter Geyer has been leading as its CEO for more than ten years. As the Chairman of the Managing Board of Wiener Städtische Versicherungsverein he is responsible for fundamental strategies as well as the social and cultural activities of the Group. Under his guidance, Vienna Insurance Group has expanded in Austria as well as in Central and Eastern Europe, becoming the top insurer in many markets. Vienna Insurance Group has been active in Romania since 2001 and considers this country to be one of its core markets. Thanks to its Group companies Omniasig, Asirom and BCR Life, Vienna Insurance Group is the market leader in Romania.

The outstanding achievements of Mr. Geyer as well as his cross-border commitment to economy and social affairs have been honoured widely.

In 2007 he was granted the “**Bratislava Mayor’s Prize**“ in Slovakia as well as an **Honorary Doctorate** by the **University of Economics in Bratislava** in 2012. In the same year the **Republic of Hungary** awarded Mr. Geyer the “**Officer’s Cross of the Order of Merit**”, one of the highest distinctions of the country.

His exemplary social commitment at the head of one of Austria’s leading companies was honoured by granting him the “**Karl Leitl Prize for Partnership with the World of Work**” in 2011. In 2013 he received the “**Papal Knight Commander’s Cross of the Order of Saint Gregory the Great**“ in recognition of the great social awareness within the group.

In Austria the “**Grand Decoration of Honour in Gold for Meritorious Services to the Republic of Austria**”, the “**Decoration of Honour in Gold of the Federal Province of Upper Austria**”, the “**Großen Tiroler Adler-Orden**” as well as the “**Decoration of Honour in Gold for Meritorious Services to the City of Vienna**” were conferred on Mr. Günter Geyer.

Wiener Städtische Versicherungsverein is the main shareholder of the Vienna Insurance Group (VIG) and provides support for the Group’s cultural and social activities, with a focus is on enhancing cross-border, intercultural exchange. The emphasis is also on creating an environment in which individual cultures can thrive. Partnerships and initiatives are geared towards supporting the activities of social organisations, especially in the Central and Eastern European countries in which the Vienna Insurance Group has a presence. As the main shareholder, Wiener Städtische Versicherungsverein is also concerned with key strategic matters within the Group.

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