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Vienna Insurance Group:

Nina Higatzberger the new Head of Investor Relations

Nina Higatzberger (38) takes over the position of the **Head of Investor Relations** at the Vienna Insurance Group with effect from 1 January 2012 and succeeds Thomas Schmee who as of 1 January 2012 will head the Group Controlling Department of the Vienna Insurance Group.

"Nina Higatzberger has already in her recent position as Deputy Head of Investor Relations substantially supported the capital market communications of the Vienna Insurance Group. In her future role she will be responsible for further developing the IR activities of the Vienna Insurance Group and will ensure, together with her team, continuous support of our investors and analysts", says **Günter Geyer**, CEO of the **Vienna Insurance Group**.

About Nina Higatzberger

Nina Higatzberger has worked as Investor Relations Manager at the Vienna Insurance Group since April 2005 and thus contributed to two capital increases in 2005 and 2008. Previously, in her ten-year career with the Erste Group she had had the opportunity to gain extensive experience in international payments, treasury, investor relations and in private customer service.

Nina Higatzberger completed part-time study at the University of Applied Sciences bfi Vienna where she earned a master's degree in Banking and Finance.

With a Standard & Poor's rating of A+ (with a stable outlook), the Vienna Insurance Group is the best ranked company on the Vienna Stock Exchange's ATX index of leading companies. The Vienna Insurance Group (VIG) is one of the leading insurance groups in CEE headquartered in Vienna. Outside of its home base in Austria, Vienna Insurance Group is also active, through subsidiaries and insurance holdings, in Albania, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Germany, Estonia, Georgia, Croatia, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Macedonia, Montenegro, Poland, Romania, Russia, Serbia, Slovakia, the Czech Republic, Turkey, Hungary, Ukraine and Belarus. Moreover, Wiener Städtische Versicherung has branches in Italy and Slovenia; Donau Versicherung has a branch in Italy.

On the Austrian market, the Vienna Insurance Group (VIG) positions itself with Wiener Städtische Versicherung, Donau Versicherung and Sparkassen Versicherung.

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