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Vienna Insurance Group in the Czech Republic

Kooperativa is the best enterprise in the financial sector

Kooperativa, the leading Group company of Vienna Insurance Group in the Czech Republic, has been awarded as the best enterprise in the financial sector in the prestigious contest "ČESKÝCH 100 NEJLEPŠÍCH" ("Czech Top 100"). Surpassed only by the well-established car manufacturer Škoda, Kooperativa has been placed second in the total ranking. The contest "ČESKÝCH 100 NEJLEPŠÍCH" pays tribute to successful Czech enterprises and highlights their valuable contribution to the overall economic development.

"I congratulate our colleagues in the Czech Republic on this great success. The second rank in this renowned contest is a sign of the much-deserved recognition of the outstanding accomplishments and commitment of the entire team. Insurance means confidence, and as the results of this survey show, customers and business partners trust the brand Kooperativa", stressed **Peter Hagen**, **General Manager** of **Vienna Insurance Group**.

Number one in the Czech Republic

Vienna Insurance Group has been active in its core market since the year 1990. Holding a total market share of 33.0 percent, the Group companies are the undisputed number one in the Czech insurance market. Kooperativa, ČPP as well as PČS earned premiums of about EUR 1.3 billion and a profit (before taxes) of approximately EUR 144.9 million in the first three quarters of 2013.

Vienna Insurance Group (VIG) is the leading insurance specialist in Austria as well as in Central and Eastern Europe. About 50 companies in 24 countries form a Group with a long-standing tradition, strong brands and close customer relations. VIG looks back on almost 190 years of experience in the insurance business. With about 23,000 employees, Vienna Insurance Group is the clear market leader in its core markets. It is therefore excellently positioned to take advantage of the long-term growth opportunities in a region with 180 million people. The listed Vienna Insurance Group is the best-rated company of ATX, the leading index of Vienna Stock Exchange; its share is also listed on the Prague Stock Exchange.

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