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## **Vienna Insurance Group:**

### **Gerhard Lahner appointed as new member of the Executive Board**

Beginning of February 2009 **Gerhard Lahner** (31) was appointed as a new member of the Vienna Insurance Group Executive Board. His main role in the Executive Board will be to further the development of and coordination between the Group's Romanian insurance companies.

*"Gerhard Lahner has proven himself as Financial Director at the Czech insurance companies of the Vienna Insurance Group", explains **Günter Geyer**, CEO of Vienna Insurance Group, with regard to Gerhard Lahner's new role. "By appointing him to the Executive Board, we are also taking into account the increasing importance of management experience outside Austria for our top management."*

**Gerhard Lahner**, who studied Business Administration at the Vienna University of Economics and Business Administration, has been employed at the Vienna Insurance Group since 2002 and initially held the position of assistant to the Managing Board at headquarters in Vienna. His duties included profitability and corporate analyses. He then took over the role of General Secretary of the Vienna Insurance Group in Bulgaria. Since November 2004, **Gerhard Lahner** has worked at the Czech insurance companies of the Vienna Insurance Group. From November 2006, he was the Financial Director at Kooperativa pojišťovna, a.s. Vienna Insurance Group and, in November 2007, he also took on responsibility for finances within the Managing Board at Česká podnikatelská pojišťovna, a.s., Vienna Insurance Group (ČPP).

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On the Austrian market, the Vienna Insurance Group (VIG) positions itself with Wiener Städtische Versicherung, Donau Versicherung and Sparkassen Versicherung. Furthermore, it has a minority holding in Wüstenrot Versicherung.

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