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Vienna Insurance Group in the 1st to 3rd quarter 2009:

Group premiums of more than EUR 6 billion

Solid development of the result – profit (before taxes, consolidated) about EUR 340 million

Continuing growth in the CEE core markets*

Excellent capitalisation of the Group

*“Vienna Insurance Group continues growing also in tough economic times. Very clear growth is observed especially in our core markets in Central and Eastern Europe. In this context, the very good development in the Czech Republic and in Slovakia should be mentioned as an example”, stated **Günter Geyer, CEO of Vienna Insurance Group**, highlighting the good news. “Moreover, Group-wide growth provides Vienna Insurance Group with a basis for continuing to develop the result in 2009 at a steady pace. Hence, our strategy of concentrating on profitable growth has proven right and confirms our successful business model, which has been based on the strong demand for insurance products in Central and Eastern Europe.”*

I. OVERVIEW OF KEY GROUP DATA FOR THE FIRST THREE QUARTERS OF 2009 (in accordance with IFRS)**

Vienna Insurance Group registered **premiums written** of a total of **EUR 6.11 billion** in the first three quarters of the current year. This corresponds to an increase of **1.5 percent** (on a euro basis) compared to the same period of the previous year. The net earned premiums of the Group rose by a remarkable 4.0 percent (based on euros).

On a **local currency basis**, the **Group’s premiums written** showed a significant plus of **6.6 percent**, and the net earned premiums climbed by no less than 9.2 percent.

With a **Group profit (before taxes, consolidated)** of **EUR 340.50 million**, Vienna Insurance Group has achieved a very continuous development of the result in the current year, which is even better than the result for the same period in 2007. This comparison shows an increase in the result by more than **EUR 16 million** or **5 percent**. Excluding special effects – in particular those resulting from the sale of BA-CAV and Unita – the result even surpassed that for the first three quarters of 2008.

* Definition CEE: Czech Republic, Slovakia, Poland, Romania, Bulgaria, Croatia, Serbia and Hungary

** All statements for the 1st to 3rd quarter of 2009 include figures from s Versicherung Group and BCR insurance companies. BA-CAV and Unita are included only in comparisons to the first six months of 2008.

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The **combined ratio of the Group after reinsurance** (excluding income from investments) of **96.2 percent** was significantly below the 100-percent threshold and remained on a stable level despite the storm damages. These damages entailed expenses – in particular in Austria – totalling about EUR 130 million. As a result, the loss ratio went up by 1.7 percentage points compared to the same period of the previous year. Thanks to the stringent implementation of the cost-cutting programme, the expense ratio of the Group was reduced by 1.5 percentage points in the same period, compensating for the increase in the loss ratio.

The current income from investments increased by 13.3 percent. The total **financial result** of the Group amounted to **EUR 727.21 million** in the first three quarters of the current year. Comparison to the prior-year level is possible only to a limited extent due to the one-off effects of the sale of BA-CAV and Unita.

As of 30 September 2009, the **investments of the Group** amounted to **EUR 26.05 billion**. Compared to 1 January 2009, this corresponds to an increase of **6.1 percent**.

The **shareholders' equity** of the Group rose by **13.1 percent** to **EUR 4.68 billion**.

II. DATA OF THE GROUP BY SEGMENTS 1ST TO 3RD QUARTER OF 2009 (CONSOLIDATED)

Property/casualty insurance

In the property/casualty segment, Vienna Insurance Group reported **premiums written** of a total of **EUR 3.34 billion** (minus 1.1 percent on a euro basis). The Group succeeded in increasing the net earned premiums in local currencies by 10.5 percent in this segment.

In the **CEE markets**, **Vienna Insurance Group** reported a growth of premiums written of **8.6 percent** based on local currencies. The Group posted **premiums written** of **EUR 1.99 billion** (minus 2.4 percent) on a euro basis in Central and Eastern Europe.

In the **non-CEE markets**, the premiums written in the property/casualty insurance segment amounted to **EUR 1.35 billion** (corresponding to a growth by 0.9 percent on a euro basis). The Austrian Group companies attained a **growth rate of 0.8 percent** and thus, **premiums** of **EUR 1.29 billion**. With **premiums** of **EUR 53.80 million**, a pleasing **growth of 3.1 percent** was achieved in **Germany** compared to the same period of the previous year.

Life insurance

In the life insurance segment, the Group's **premium volume** totalled **EUR 2.52 billion**, representing a **plus of 5.0 percent**. The companies of s Versicherung Group made a major contribution to this good result. Vienna Insurance Group achieved a significant plus of 8.5 percent in net earned premiums on a local currency basis.

In the **CEE region**, the growth rate in this segment climbed to a pleasing **12.9 percent** – with **premiums written of EUR 953.57 million**. Particularly remarkable are the continuing double-digit growth rates in the Czech Republic, Slovakia, Romania, Croatia, Bulgaria as well as Hungary.

In the **non-CEE countries**, the **premiums written** climbed to **EUR 1.57 billion**, corresponding to an increase of 0.6 percent compared to the same period of the previous year.

Health insurance

In the health insurance segment, **Vienna Insurance Group** attained a total of **premiums written** of **EUR 241.71 million** and an increase of **2.2 percent**.

III. DATA OF THE GROUP BY REGIONS 1ST TO 3RD QUARTER OF 2009 (CONSOLIDATED)

Austria

In Austria, the **premiums written** of Vienna Insurance Group amounted to **EUR 3.01 billion** in the first nine months of this year. This corresponds to a solid plus of **1.6 percent** compared to the same period of the previous year.

In the **property/casualty** segment, the Group companies reported **premiums written** of **EUR 1.29 billion** – this is an increase by **0.8 percent**. In the **life insurance** segment, the **premiums written** amounted to **EUR 1.47 billion** (plus 2.1 percent).

Taking into account Group-related aspects, the **profit (before taxes)** totalled **EUR 184.21 million** (minus 23.7 percent) in the first nine months of the current year. Due to the sale of Unita and BA-CAV, prior-year comparison is possible only to a very limited extent.

The **combined ratio** amounted to **96.3 percent**.

Czech Republic

The Group companies in the Czech Republic reported a total of **premiums written** of **EUR 1.20 billion**. They succeeded in continuing the double-digit premium growth with a plus of **19.1 percent** from the level of the same period of the previous year. In the **non-life insurance** segment, a total of **premiums written** of **EUR 782.82 million** represented a **4.1 percent** increase over the same period of the previous year. In the **life insurance** segment, the **premiums** surged by **63.2 percent** to **EUR 415.71 million**.

On a local currency basis, the **premiums written** recorded an even stronger growth of **27.7 percent**. In the **non-life insurance** segment, the volume of premiums went up by **11.6 percent**, while a sharp increase of **75.0 percent** was reported in the **life insurance** segment. Compared to the same period of the previous year, the total net earned premiums rose by 35.1 percent.

The Group was able to increase the **profit (before taxes)** by **39.6 percent** to a total of **EUR 98.39 million** from the level of the same period in the previous year. With this excellent result, the Czech Group companies demonstrated once more their strong earning power, contributing almost one third to the Group profit.

The **combined ratio** amounted to **88.0 percent** in the first three quarters of 2009.

Slovakia

The Slovak Group companies of Vienna Insurance Group have continued their very favourable trend during the current year. They reported a total of **premiums written** of **EUR 469.37 million**, corresponding to an increase of **11.0 percent**. The net earned premiums grew by 15.0 percent compared to the same period of the previous year.

In the **non-life insurance** segment, the **premiums written** rose by **3.6 percent** to **EUR 256.24 million** compared to the same period of the previous year. In the **life insurance** segment, **premiums** grew by **21.5 percent** to **EUR 213.13 million**.

The **profit (before taxes)** for the first nine months of the current year totalled **EUR 16.07 million**, showing an increase by **42.6 percent**.

In Slovakia the **combined ratio** stood at **94.3 percent**.

Poland

The Polish Group companies of Vienna Insurance Group reported **premiums written** of **EUR 405.75 million** in the first three quarters of 2009.

Premiums written of **EUR 277.39 million** were recorded in the **non-life insurance** segment. On a local currency basis, this is an increase by **9.4 percent**. Based on net earned premiums, a 9.9 percent growth was achieved in the non-life insurance segment.

In the **life insurance** segment, **premiums written** amounted to **EUR 128.36 million**. On a local currency basis, this is a minus of 42.5 percent, which may be attributed exclusively to the downward trend in the single premium business in the wake of the economic situation.

The **profit (before taxes)** rose by **8.7 percent** to **EUR 19.48 million** compared to the same period of the previous year.

Romania

The Romanian Group companies of Vienna Insurance Group reported **premiums written** of **EUR 455.92 million**. On a local currency basis, the **premiums written** grew by **7.1 percent**. In Romania the Group recorded an increase in net earned premiums (on a local currency basis) of 13.9 percent.

In the **non-life insurance** segment, the Group recorded **premiums written** amounting to **EUR 396.24 million**. The ongoing portfolio restructuring in this segment led to a decrease by 1.2 percent on a local currency basis.

After including the BCR Life Insurance Company, the Group achieved **premiums written** of **EUR 59.68 million** in the **life insurance** segment. This corresponds to a growth of 142.9 percent on a local currency basis.

The **profit (before taxes)** amounted to **EUR 16.58 million**. Due to the de-consolidation of Unita in 2008, a comparison with prior-year data is not meaningful.

Other CEE markets

The result of Vienna Insurance Group in "Other CEE markets" for the first nine months of the current year includes the following countries: Albania, Bulgaria, Croatia, Macedonia, Serbia, Turkey, Ukraine as well as the three Baltic markets. Pleasing double-digit growth rates on a euro basis continue to be registered, notably in **Bulgaria** (plus 46.0 percent), **Croatia** (plus 17.3 percent) and **Hungary** (plus 28.2 percent).

In this segment, the Vienna Insurance Group companies reported **premiums written** of **EUR 418.80 million**, boasting a significant double-digit increase of **18.3 percent** compared to the same period of the previous year.

In the **non-life insurance** segment, a sizeable **11.3 percent** plus was achieved, with **premiums** amounting to **EUR 282.11 million**. In the **life insurance** segment, **premiums written** of **EUR 136.69 million** were recorded, corresponding to a substantial increase of **EUR 36.1 percent**.

In the segment “Other CEE markets” (excluding Croatia), the **profit (before taxes)** totalled **EUR 4.31 million**.

In **Croatia** a regulatory reduction of the guaranteed interest on life insurance contracts led to the recognition of a one-off provision in the financial statements amounting to more than EUR 10 million, entailing a negative result.

Other markets

In **Germany** and **Liechtenstein**, the Group companies reported **premiums** totalling **EUR 152.01 million**.

The **profit (before taxes)** amounted to **EUR 10.46 million**.

The listed 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, Bulgaria, Germany, Estonia, Georgia, Croatia, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Macedonia, Poland, Romania, Russia, Serbia, Slovakia, the Czech Republic, Turkey, Hungary, Ukraine and Belarus. It also has branches in Italy and Slovenia.

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

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Consolidated Balance Sheet (IFRS) 30 September 2009

Assets (in TEUR)	30/09/2009	31/12/2008	+/- %
A. Intangible assets	2,006,904	1,648,941	21.7
B. Investments	26,047,635	24,547,565	6.1
C. Investments of unit- and index-linked life insurance	4,393,223	3,602,404	22.0
D. Reinsurers' share in underwriting provisions	1,172,045	1,222,261	-4.1
E. Receivables	1,710,261	1,500,067	14.0
F. Deferred tax assets	147,642	131,170	12.6
G. Other assets	493,137	393,385	25.4
H. Cash and cash equivalents	333,584	619,327	-46.1
Total Assets	36,304,431	33,665,120	7.8

Liabilities and Shareholders' Equity (in TEUR)	30/09/2009	31/12/2008	+/- %
A. Shareholders' equity	4,682,899	4,138,790	13.1
B. Subordinated liabilities	545,859	501,242	8.9
C. Underwriting provisions	22,800,599	21,682,367	5.2
D. Unit- and index-linked underwriting provisions	4,174,746	3,346,773	24.7
E. Non-underwriting provisions	657,806	752,022	-12.5
F. Liabilities	3,005,525	2,842,755	5.7
G. Deferred tax liabilities	198,322	141,483	40.2
H. Other liabilities	238,675	259,688	-8.1
Total Liabilities and Shareholders' Equity	36,304,431	33,665,120	7.8

Consolidated Income Statement (IFRS) 1 Jan. 2009 - 30 Sept. 2009

(in EUR mn)	9M 2009	9M 2008	+/- %
Gross premiums written	6,106.00	6,017.80	1.5
Net earned premiums	5,374.29	5,169.08	4.0
Financial result	727.21	806.24	-9.8
Other income	85.55	42.70	>100
Expenses for claims and insurance benefits	-4,414.01	-4,251.35	3.8
Operating expenses	-1,230.88	-1,191.47	3.3
Other expenses	-201.66	-168.42	19.7
Profit before taxes	340.50	406.78	-16.3
Taxes	-59.60	-77.82	-23.4
Profit for the period	280.90	328.95	-14.6
Minority interests	-17.82	-27.95	-36.3
Net profit after minorities	263.08	301.00	-12.6

Combined Ratio (net)	96.2%	96.0%
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Consolidated Income Statement (IFRS) - Quarterly Data

(in EUR mn)	Q3 2009	Q3 2008	+/- %
Gross premiums written	1,854.86	1,802.66	2.9
Net earned premiums	1,761.49	1,697.78	3.8
Financial result	255.62	187.55	36.3
Other income	23.55	12.03	95.8
Expenses for claims and insurance benefits	-1,451.11	-1,339.00	8.4
Operating expenses	-407.25	-391.57	4.0
Other expenses	-72.06	-48.36	49.0
Profit before taxes	110.25	118.43	-6.9
Taxes	-19.38	-18.36	5.6
Profit for the period	90.87	100.07	-9.2
Minority interests	-7.62	-6.81	11.9
Net profit after minorities	83.25	93.26	-10.7

Combined Ratio (net)	97.7%	96.1%
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Segment Reporting 1 Jan. 2009 - 30 Sept. 2009

Split by lines of business:

(in EUR mn)	P&C		Life		Health		Total	
	9M 2009	9M 2008	9M 2009	9M 2008	9M 2009	9M 2008	9M 2009	9M 2008
<i>Gross premiums written</i>	3,343.27	3,379.45	2,521.02	2,401.78	241.71	236.57	6,106.00	6,017.80
A. Net earned premiums	2,625.62	2,545.43	2,509.07	2,389.42	239.60	234.23	5,374.29	5,169.08
B. Financial result ¹	167.26	233.97	555.37	564.25	4.58	8.02	727.21	806.24
C. Other income	53.62	28.09	31.86	14.57	0.07	0.04	85.55	42.70
D. Expenses for claims/benefits	-1,729.22	-1,633.73	-2,485.50	-2,410.45	-199.30	-207.18	-4,414.01	-4,251.35
E. Operating expenses	-728.29	-725.28	-472.07	-435.19	-30.52	-31.00	-1,230.88	-1,191.47
F. Other expenses	-136.41	-126.49	-64.59	-41.23	-0.67	-0.70	-201.66	-168.42
G. Profit before taxes	252.58	321.99	74.16	81.37	13.76	3.42	340.50	406.78

Split by regions:

(in EUR mn)	Austria		Czech Republic		Slovakia		Poland	
	9M 2009	9M 2008	9M 2009	9M 2008	9M 2009	9M 2008	9M 2009	9M 2008
<i>Gross premiums written</i>	3,005.62	2,959.43	1,198.53	1,006.74	469.37	422.82	405.75	609.14
A. Net earned premiums	2,652.09	2,582.45	1,026.69	815.06	411.81	358.14	368.71	564.68
B. Financial result ¹	543.67	648.32	54.07	36.76	28.17	10.73	24.93	8.31
C. Other income	8.50	7.69	18.89	9.57	2.94	2.85	3.00	4.96
D. Expenses for claims/benefits	-2,518.52	-2,472.83	-682.50	-547.82	-321.75	-262.24	-208.00	-358.66
E. Operating expenses	-469.36	-488.48	-258.08	-202.42	-68.55	-64.80	-159.14	-184.19
F. Other expenses	-32.17	-35.75	-60.69	-40.66	-36.55	-33.42	-10.02	-17.17
G. Profit before taxes	184.21	241.41	98.39	70.49	16.07	11.27	19.48	17.93

(in EUR mn)	Romania		Other CEE		Other		Total	
	9M 2009	9M 2008	9M 2009	9M 2008	9M 2009	9M 2008	9M 2009	9M 2008
<i>Gross premiums written</i>	455.92	494.80	418.80	353.88	152.01	170.99	6,106.00	6,017.80
A. Net earned premiums	414.62	423.32	350.43	277.89	149.95	147.54	5,374.29	5,169.08
B. Financial result ¹	33.45	83.49	29.06	7.48	13.85	11.14	727.21	806.24
C. Other income	26.71	11.15	6.27	4.22	19.25	2.26	85.55	42.70
D. Expenses for claims/benefits	-320.78	-320.12	-247.78	-175.25	-114.69	-114.44	-4,414.01	-4,251.35
E. Operating expenses	-128.27	-132.91	-121.36	-101.47	-26.11	-17.20	-1,230.88	-1,191.47
F. Other expenses	-9.14	-12.97	-21.31	-11.73	-31.79	-16.72	-201.66	-168.42
G. Profit before taxes	16.58	51.96	-4.69	1.14	10.46	12.59	340.50	406.78

¹ including result from shares in at-equity consolidated companies