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Austrian Post announces that Anton Wais has resigned his position as Chairman of the Management Board and Chief Executive Officer of Austrian Post for health reasons effective March 31, 2009. Mr. Wais informed the Supervisory Board of his decision at the meeting held today, March 4, 2009.

Subject to the approval of the Supervisory Board, the duties and responsibilities of Mr. Wais will be assumed on an interim basis as of April 1, 2009 by Rudolf Jettmar, Chief Financial Officer and Deputy Chairman of the Management Board. The Supervisory Board will search immediately for a successor of Anton Wais in accordance with the legal guidelines of the Public Appointment Act.

"After close to ten extremely intensive years at Austrian Post, I have come to this decision after careful consideration. Unfortunately, this step is absolutely necessary due to the state of my health", says Austrian Post Chairman Anton Wais. "I look back at the past decade with pride. Today Austrian Post is a profitable company. Its high dividends and good operating results confirm the strategy adopted in 1999. This good positioning will contribute to the company's ability to conquer future challenges and successfully move ahead into the fully liberalised letter mail market".

"I can only express my heartfelt thanks to Mr. Wais for his service to the company and the successful spirit of cooperation in past years", says Peter Michaelis, Chairman of the Supervisory Board of Austrian Post. "Under his leadership, Austrian Post succeeded in its transformation into a modern service provider. Not the least of the achievements of Anton Wais and his team was deeply embedding this paradigm change in the company in the course of the Initial Public Offering in 2006. The excellent development of the Post share, despite all the turbulences on international financial and capital markets, confirms the solid business model of Austrian Post. Even if I very much regret the resignation of Mr. Wais, I naturally understand his decision and wish him all the best for his future".

Deputy Chairman and CFO Rudolf Jettmar confirms: "All measures for further improving the economic position of the company and guaranteeing its stability and value creation are based on the collective decisions of the entire board. This successful path will be continued. The board of Austrian Post regrets the decision of Anton Wais and wishes him all the best for fast recovery".

Anton Wais was appointed Chairman of the Management Board and Chief Executive Officer of Austrian Post on July 1, 1999. The legal independence of Austrian Post in 1999 and the subsequent restructuring of the company took place during his term of office. He also laid the groundwork for the international expansion of the Group and finally the successful IPO in the spring of 2006.

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