

## **Ordinary General Meeting of Zurich approves dividend of CHF 17.00**

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Zurich, March 31, 2011 – The Ordinary General Meeting of Zurich Financial Services Ltd (Zurich) today approved a dividend of CHF 17.00 per registered share, resulting in a payout ratio of 70%. This represents a 6% increase over last year's gross dividend of CHF 16.00. As this year's dividend payment is paid from the capital contribution reserve, it will be exempt from Swiss withholding tax. The dividend will be paid from April 7, 2011 on.

The General Meeting has also reelected Mr. Manfred Gentz for another one year term and Messrs Fred Kindle and Tom de Swaan for another three-year term each as members of the Board. In its constituent meeting held after the General Meeting the Board of Directors confirmed Mr. Manfred Gentz as Chairman and Mr. Josef Ackermann as Vice-Chairman. The Board of Directors continuously consists of the following members:

- Manfred Gentz, Chairman
- Josef Ackermann, Vice-Chairman
- Susan Bies
- Victor L.L. Chu
- Tom de Swaan
- Thomas K. Escher
- Fred Kindle
- Armin Meyer
- Don Nicolaisen
- Vernon L. Sankey
- Rolf Watter

PricewaterhouseCoopers AG, Zurich, was elected as auditors for the business year 2011.

Furthermore, Zurich conducted an advisory vote on its remuneration system. In the non-binding vote, shareholders voted in favor of the remuneration system with 94.6 % favorable votes.

The Annual General Meeting also approved all other agenda items. 1,865 shareholders (incl. proxies), representing 48,457,019 registered shares or 53.4% of the shares entitling to vote, attended the meeting in Zurich.

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