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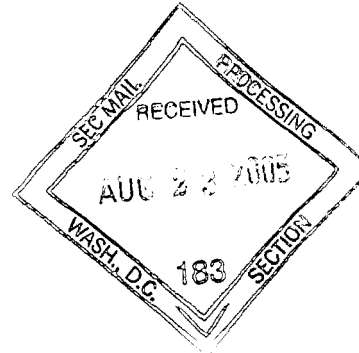
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Dear Sir and Madam

Enclosed herewith please find the English version of the following news release:

- "Zurich appoints new Group Management Board Member"

Should there be any queries or comments please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely
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Zurich, August 22, 2005 – Zurich Financial Services Group (Zurich) today announced the appointment of Peter Goerke (43) as Group Head of Human Resources and a member of the Group Management Board.

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Peter Goerke joins Zurich from Egon Zehnder International where he was a Principal and Global Head of the Insurance Practice. He will have Group-wide responsibilities for managing and implementing Zurich's Global HR strategy.

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