News Release



Zurich shareholders approve dividend of CHF 17 and elect Joan Amble and Kishore Mahbubani to the Board of Directors

At today's Annual General Meeting Zurich's shareholders approved the dividend of CHF 17.00 and elected Joan Amble and Kishore Mahbubani to the Board of Directors. Shareholders also voted on the maximum total remuneration for the Board of Directors and the Group Executive Committee.

Zurich, April 1, 2015 – The Annual General Meeting of Zurich Insurance Group Ltd (Zurich) today approved an unchanged dividend of CHF 17.00 per registered share for the 2014 financial year, resulting in a payout ratio of 71% of net income. As this year's dividend payment will again be paid from the capital contribution reserve, it will be exempt from Swiss withholding tax. The dividend will be paid starting April 9, 2015.

In an advisory vote, shareholders voted in favor of the Remuneration report 2014 with 86.9%. They also approved the maximum total remuneration of the Board of Directors in the amount of CHF 4.9 million for the period until the next Annual General Meeting with 95.5%. Furthermore, they voted in favor of the maximum total remuneration of the Group Executive Committee of CHF 75.9 million for the financial year 2016 with 89.9%. With that, Zurich implements the terms of the Ordinance against Excessive Compensation in listed Stock Corporations. The remuneration reports will continue to be presented to shareholders in an advisory vote in the years to come.

The shareholders elected Joan Amble with 99.1% and Kishore Mahbubani with 99.6% to the Board of Directors. They also re-elected Tom de Swaan as Chairman for a further term of office of one year. All other members of the Board of Directors were also re-elected for a further term of office of one year. In its constituent meeting held



after the Annual General Meeting, the Board of Directors re-elected Fred Kindle as Vice-Chairman.

The Board of Directors now consists of the following members:

- <u>Tom de Swaan, Chairman</u>
- <u>Fred Kindle, Vice-Chairman</u>
- <u>Joan Amble</u>
- <u>Susan Bies</u>
- <u>Dame Alison Carnwath</u>
- <u>Rafael del Pino</u>
- <u>Thomas K. Escher</u>
- <u>Christoph Franz</u>
- <u>Monica Mächler</u>
- <u>Kishore Mahbubani</u>
- <u>Don Nicolaisen</u>

All current members of the Remuneration Committee were re-elected for another one year term. In addition, Christoph Franz was elected as a member of the committee. It now consists of the following people:

- Dame Alison Carnwath
- Tom de Swaan
- Rafael del Pino
- Thomas K. Escher
- Christoph Franz

PricewaterhouseCoopers AG, Zurich, was re-elected as auditor for the 2015 financial year.

The Annual General Meeting also approved all other agenda items. There were 1,745 shareholders (incl. proxies), representing 60,801,878 registered shares or 62.5% of the shares entitled to vote, at the meeting in Zurich.

The detailed results of all votes will be published on <u>www.zurich.com</u> on April 2, 2015.



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