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Dear Sirs

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

- "Lawrence Churchill to step down as CEO of UK, Ireland and International Life" dated May 6, 2004

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

Yours sincerely
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Lawrence Churchill to step down as CEO of UK, Ireland and International Life

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Zurich, May 6, 2004 - Zurich Financial Services (Zurich) announced today that, after a brief transition period, Lawrence Churchill will step down as Chief Executive Officer of UK, Ireland and International Life.

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Until the appointment of a successor, Paul van de Geijn, CEO Global Life Insurance Businesses, will oversee these Life operations.

Paul van de Geijn said: "I thank Lawrence for his leadership at an important juncture in the turnaround of the Life business and wish him well in his personal and professional future."

Zurich Financial Services is an insurance-based financial services provider with a global network that focuses its activities on its key markets in North America and Europe. Founded in 1872, Zurich is headquartered in Zurich, Switzerland. Zurich has offices in more than 50 countries and employs about 62,000 people.

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