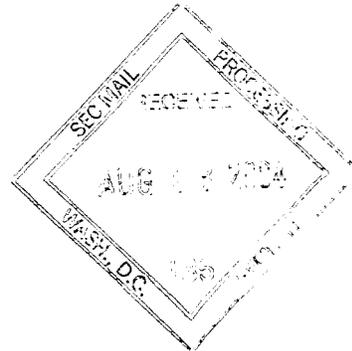




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Enclosed herewith please find the English version of the following press release:

- “Zurich Financial Services Group to divest its portfolio of Life Insurance policies in Taiwan” dated August 12, 2004

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Zurich, August 12, 2004 – Zurich Financial Services Group (Zurich) announced today that it has signed an agreement to divest all Life Insurance policies written by its Taiwanese branch, including the related assets and liabilities, to Far Glory Life Insurance Company. This step is in line with Zurich's strategy to sharpen the focus of the Group's Life Insurance business. The transaction is expected to close before the end of 2004. The parties agreed to keep the value of the transaction confidential.

Zurich remains committed to its General Insurance operation in Taiwan, which is not affected by this transaction.

For the first quarter of 2004, Zurich Taiwan Life reported gross written premiums, on a local basis, of NTD 2.19 billion (approximately USD 65.6 million).

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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