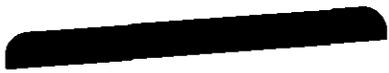


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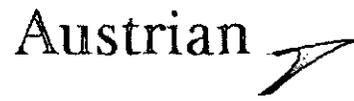
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**CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER THOMAS KLEIBL
WILL LEAVE THE COMPANY BY OWN REQUEST
CEO Alfred Ötsch to take over responsibilities**

Thomas Kleibl, 48, Chief Financial Officer of Austrian Airlines AG since 1 October 2001, has informed the Chairman of the Supervisory Board that he will be resigning from his post at the next meeting of the Supervisory Board on 12 March 2008. Subject to the agreement of the Supervisory Board, the Chief Executive Officer, Alfred Ötsch, will take over Mr. Kleibl's responsibilities on the Board of Management.

Dr. Peter Michaelis, Chairman of the Supervisory Board, said the following about Mr. Kleibl's decision: "We regret the resignation of Mr. Kleibl. During a period of great change at Austrian Airlines, Mr. Kleibl demonstrated huge commitment and specialist knowledge and implemented important measures, including the reduction of the net debt of the Group by EUR 1.4 billion. He made a decisive contribution to putting the organisation where it finds itself today, in a position where it enjoys a significantly stronger capital structure and is once again generating positive operating results."

Mr. Alfred Ötsch, a proven financial expert in his own right, will take over the responsibilities of Mr. Kleibl. The Board of Management continues to be occupied by decisionmakers of the very highest calibre in its two new members, Dr. Peter Malanik (since 1 January 2008) and Dr. Andreas Bierwirth (from 1 April 2008). Mr. Kleibl himself will remain available to the company in an advisory and support role throughout this period of transition of his responsibilities to Mr. Ötsch.

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