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Ad hoc: Personnel change: Eduard Zimmerle leaves HORN **BACH Group**

Neustadt a. d. Weinstrasse, October 16, 2008.

Due to personal reasons, Eduard Zimmerle, the longstanding Deputy Chairman of the Board of HORN
BACH HOLDING AG and Chairman of the Board of Management of HORN
BACH Immobilien AG, will be retiring from the Boards of Management of these companies on a basis of mutual and amicable consent as of October 31, 2008.

The Board of Management and Supervisory Board thank Mr. Zimmerle for his successful activity over many years in management positions at the HORN

BACH Group. With great personal commitment, comprehensive expertise and entrepreneurial vision, he helped to shape the commercial success of HORN

BACH's DIY megastores with garden centers. In particular, Mr. Zimmerle played a crucial role in location decisions. Mr. Zimmerle's responsibilities on the Board of Management of HORN

BACH HOLDING AG will be assumed by Albrecht Hornbach. He will be replaced on the Board of Management of HORN