

Media release

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Orell Füssli Holding Ltd: Changes in the Board of Directors

Zurich, March 21, 2017 – Heinrich Fischer, Chairman of the Board since 2012 and currently a member of the remuneration committee, will not stand for re-election at the Annual General Meeting on May 12, 2017, due to his forthcoming election as Chairman of the Board of Hilti Ltd. The Board of Directors wishes to express its sincere thanks to Heinrich Fischer for his successful efforts on behalf of the company in challenging times and his major contribution to the development of Orell Füssli.

The Board of Directors will propose of Dr Anton Bleikolm for election as his successor at the Annual General Meeting on May 12, 2017. Anton Bleikolm has been a member of the Board of Directors for the past two years and is an acknowledged industrial expert with considerable international experience. As the CEO for many years of Sicpa SA, the leading provider of solutions for the security printing industry and for product and brand protection, he has in-depth expertise in important areas of Orell Füssli's business.

Dr Beat Lüthi will be proposed for election at the Annual General Meeting in order to restore the Board of Directors to its full complement. Beat Lüthi studied electrical engineering at the Swiss Federal Institute of Technology (ETH) in Zurich and was awarded his doctorate in business administration. He is CEO of CTC Analytics AG, a world leader in the manufacture of laboratory robots for analytical instruments. He acquired wide-ranging industrial experience in management positions with Mettler Toledo and Feintool. He is Chairman of the Board of Directors of Inficon Ltd and a Member of the Board of Directors of Straumann Ltd.

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Orell Füssli is a diversified industrial and trading group focusing on the core businesses of banknote and security printing, industrial systems used in the individualisation of security documents and branded products, and book retailing. Orell Füssli generates sales of some CHF 300 million with about 900 employees at locations in eight countries and is listed on the Swiss Stock Exchange.