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FIS and Doppelmayr/Garaventa extend partnership

Oberhofen (SUI), 1st December, 2008/-- The International Ski Federation (FIS) and the Doppelmayr/Garaventa Group have agreed an extension of their partnership for further two seasons up to and including the 2009/2010 ski season. Through the agreement, Doppelmayr/Garaventa carries the label of the "Official FIS Product Partner" in the field of ropeway engineering. The agreement is effective immediately and includes the option for further two years after 2010.

The Doppelmayr/Garaventa Group, the world quality and technology leader in ropeway engineering, has built an excellent reputation through successful delivery of almost 14'000 installations in 80 countries and a long-term engagement for the benefit of ski sports. Through the partnership, FIS and Doppelmayr/Garaventa will work together to promote further development in the area of ropeways in order to ensure implementation of latest technologies, to meet the needs of FIS and its partners as well as to fulfill the changing legal requirements.

Reflecting on the cooperation, FIS President Gian Franco Kasper stated: "We look forward to the continuing partnership with the Doppelmayr/Garaventa Group. For FIS, it is important to help our member National Ski Associations, their Local Organizing Committees and partnering ski resorts gain access to the latest know-how and technology in ropeway engineering. This partnership is of special importance for the developing ski nations which truly benefit from the expertise they obtain through interaction with Doppelmayr/Garaventa professionals."

Doppelmayr/Garaventa recently announced highly satisfactory results for the 2007/2008 business year with Austria as the strongest single market and key successes in the European Alpine countries, North America and the emerging markets of Eastern, Central and Southeastern Europe. It also added further 'world firsts' to its long list. The latest achievements include the first gondola lifts with seat heating in Ischgl and Zell am See, and the first gondola lift with sauna cabin in Finland.

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About FIS

Founded in 1924 during the first Olympic Games in Chamonix, France, the International Ski Federation (FIS) aims to promote the sport of skiing and snowboarding and directs the development of all ski and snowboarding activities world-wide. It administers the Olympic disciplines of Alpine Skiing, Cross-Country Skiing, Ski Jumping, Nordic Combined, Freestyle Skiing and Snowboarding, including setting the international competition rules. With the help of its 110 member nations, FIS stages more than 6'000 ski and snowboard competitions annually. FIS also makes recommendations for recreational skiing and snowboarding in the interest of all and promotes play in the snow as a healthy leisure activity for children and the youth. For more information, please visit www.fis-ski.com.

About Doppelmayr/Garaventa Group

The two leading ropeway engineering firms Doppelmayr and Garaventa merged in 2002 to become the Doppelmayr/Garaventa Group. The planning and construction continues in the facilities in Wolfurt, Austria and Goldau, Switzerland, which helped create Doppelmayr and Garaventa technologies their worldwide reputation. The Doppelmayr/Garaventa Group offers transport solutions you can rely on: In close cooperation with its customers, the Group develops efficient passenger transport systems for summer and winter tourism resorts as well as state-of-the-art passenger transport systems for the urban environment, airports, shopping malls, sports complexes, adventure parks, trade fairs and other facilities with corresponding transport requirements. Furthermore, the Group also offers innovative material transport systems for bulk material and unit load transport. For more information, visit www.doppelmayr.com.

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