

## Media release on the 2017 Annual General Meeting of RUAG

# RUAG pays CHF 47 million in dividends

**Bern, 27 April 2017. The Annual General Meeting of RUAG Holding AG was held today (Thursday) in the Training Centre West of the Swiss Armed Forces in Bure, Canton Jura. Attending the meeting as the shareholder's representative was Federal Councillor Guy Parmelin, Head of the Federal Department of Defence, Civil Protection and Sport (DDPS). The 2016 Annual Report was approved. Discharge was granted to the members of the Board of Directors and Executive Board for the 2016 financial year. Egon W. Behle is standing down from the Board of Directors. As in the previous year, RUAG is paying the Swiss Confederation a dividend of CHF 47 million.**

Chairman of the Board of Directors Hans-Peter Schwald expressed his satisfaction with the performance and sustainably profitable growth trajectory of RUAG: "RUAG's business is performing successfully. All five divisions operated profitably and contributed to the positive consolidated result. RUAG is thus demonstrating its competitiveness." RUAG generates around 80% of sales in global competition. With a view to the "Further development of RUAG" project, currently being drawn up with the owner and other stakeholder groups, Board Chairman Hans-Peter Schwald went on to say: "We have set a course for solid growth. So that these positive prospects are not diminished, RUAG needs the right entrepreneurial operating conditions so that it can assert itself in the face of free competition."

With a significant 10.4% increase in EBIT and 6.5% sales growth, RUAG has achieved a profitable growth trajectory. The record order intake of CHF 2,036 million (+11.4%) is well above sales, indicating that the annual result for 2016 provides a solid base for further growth and is not just a one-off occurrence. Additional key figures on the 2016 financial year can be found in the digital annual report on the company's website [www.ruag.com](http://www.ruag.com) or directly at [annualreport.ruag.com](http://annualreport.ruag.com).

### Changes on the Board of Directors

Egon W. Behle is not standing for re-election and will stand down as a member of the Board of Directors and member of the Strategy Committee after six years in office. He was truly committed to driving RUAG forward. The company benefited in particular from his vast knowledge and his experience of the aerospace industry. The Federal Council, RUAG's Board of Directors and Executive Board offer him their special thanks for this achievement. RUAG regret's Egon Behle's decision to cease working on behalf of the Group. The remaining six members of the Board of Directors were re-elected for a term of one year. KPMG Ltd, Zurich, was appointed as auditor for a further term of one year.

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RUAG develops and markets internationally sought-after technology applications in the fields of aerospace and defence for use on land, in the air and in space. 57% of RUAG's products and services are destined for the civil market and 43% for the military market. The Group is headquartered in Bern (Switzerland). It has production sites in Switzerland and in 13 other countries in Europe, the USA and Asia-Pacific. Around 8,700 employees – of whom 430 are trainees – represent 48 nationalities and generate sales of some CHF 1.86 billion.