

Managing Director of Thiel Holding Deutschland GmbH

Dr. Georg Claessens receives Austrian Decoration

Grevenmacher (Luxemburg) – Dr. Georg Claessens, Managing Director of *Thiel Holding Deutschland GmbH*, has received the Grand Decoration for Services Rendered to the Republic of Austria. The Austrian Ambassador, Dr. Christian Prosl, conferred the Grand Decoration on Dr. Claessens for his long-standing and successful activities at a reception at the Austrian Embassy in Berlin on October 16, 2007.

From 1994 to 2000, Dr. Claessens chaired the management of Birkart Austria Internationale Spedition GmbH, an entity of Thiel Logistik AG, based in Vienna. In his explanatory statement for the decoration the Austrian Ambassador honored Dr. Claessens's essential contribution to the further development and reorientation of the company in these six years and his merits for the Republic of Austria. "Thanks to the extraordinary dedication of Dr. Claessens, valuable know-how and well-proven concepts were transferred to Austria. During the time of his responsible activities in the logistics industry he intensely and successfully endeavored to networking Austria, Vienna as a business hub and expanding the Eastern Europe network," explained the Austrian Ambassador.

In addition to his corporate commitments Dr. Claessens has been a long-standing friend of the Vienna University of Economics and Business Administration supporting the education in the field of transportation economy. Since 2007 he acts as a honorary consul for the Republic of Latvia.

Information on Thiel Logistik AG

As an external partner, Thiel Logistik AG, Grevenmacher (Luxembourg), develops a comprehensive range of logistics and service solutions for trade and industry. In 2006, the Group generated sales of EUR 1.89 billion and currently employs approximately 8,500 staff in 43 countries. Thiel Logistik operates in main markets worldwide and has over 350 locations across all continents. With its three business segments Solutions (customer-orientated contract logistics solutions), Air & Ocean (global air and ocean freight forwarding activities) and Road & Rail (land and special transportation activities in Central, Western and Eastern Europe), Thiel Logistik AG is one of the market leaders.

Thiel Logistik AG is listed on the Prime Standard of Deutsche Boerse. The major shareholder of the company is DELTON AG, Bad Homburg, which holds an equity stake of 50.26 percent.

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