

# HUGO BOSS

Press Release

## **Contract with designated COO suspended**

Metzingen, February 5, 2009. The Supervisory Board of HUGO BOSS AG has announced that the contract with Klaus-Gerhard Bierbrauer, who was to assume duties as Chief Operating Officer (COO) on April 1, 2009 at the latest, has been suspended effective immediately and his appointment to the Managing Board withdrawn.

The reason for this decision was Mr. Bierbrauer's request to renegotiate the contract he had already signed. This conduct was not acceptable to the Supervisory Board.

The responsibilities will be assumed by Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of the Managing Board Claus-Dietrich Lahrs and Chief Financial Officer Norbert Unterharnscheidt. The Supervisory Board will decide on the Managing Board position of COO in due time.

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