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Press-Release

**The AEB Board re-elects Mr. Reiner Hartmann as Chairman.
The Elected Deputy Chairmen are Mr. Roger Munnings and Mrs. Olga Bantsekina.
Gerald Sakuler is elected as the Deputy Chairman with responsibilities of Treasurer.**

The Association of European Businesses is pleased to announce that the newly elected AEB Board at its first meeting on May 16th 2012 re-elected Mr Reiner Hartmann as the Chairman of Board. Mr. Roger Munnings and Mrs. Olga Bantsekina were elected First Deputy Chairman and Deputy Chairwoman respectively. Mr Gerald Sakuler was re-elected the Deputy Chairman with responsibilities of the Treasurer of the AEB.

The new members of the Board were elected during the Annual General Meeting of the Association of European Businesses, which took place on April 19th 2012 in Moscow.

Note for editors:

The newly elected members of the AEB Board are:

Bantsekina, Olga - Coleman Services UK Ltd
Becker, Christian – HeidelbergCement RUS
Hartmann, Reiner - Ruhrgas AG
Hellevig, Jon - Awara Group
Ketting, Jeroen - Lighthouse Russia B.V
Munnings, Roger - Individual Member
Pegorier, Philippe - General Director Alstom
Sakuler, Gerald - Bene Office Furniture AG, Austria
Vertanen, Vesa - Itella Logistics

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About the Association of European Businesses (AEB)

Founded in 1995, the Association of European Businesses (AEB) is an independent non profit organisation representing over 640 companies from Europe and Russia. Our members range from large multi-national corporations to SMEs. They are united by their commitment to forging stronger economic ties between the EU and Russia as well as improving the investment climate in Russia.

The AEB conducts lobbying activities through 40 committees and working groups, representing various industries and sectors, including Energy, Customs & Transport, Airlines, Legal, Taxation and Banking. The AEB also has two regional branches in: Saint Petersburg and Krasnodar. The committees work closely with the European and Russian authorities and submit amendments to draft laws.

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