

CONVERIUM HOLDING AG
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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, DC 20549

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Schedule 14D-9

SOLICITATION/RECOMMENDATION STATEMENT UNDER
SECTION 14(d) (4) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

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CONVERIUM HOLDING AG
(Name of Subject Company)

CONVERIUM HOLDING AG
(Name of Person Filing Statement)

Registered Shares, Nominal Value CHF 5 Per Share
American Depositary Shares, each representing one half of one Registered Share
(Title of Class of Securities)

Registered Shares*
American Depositary Shares (CUSIP: 21248N107)
(CUSIP Number of Class of Securities)

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*There is no CUSIP Number assigned to the Registered Shares.

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News release
Converium Holding Ltd, Zug

Zug, Switzerland - April 5, 2007 - Converium response to SCOR offer to be expected within the legally required period

Converium, a leading international professional reinsurer, issued the following statement today in response to the announcement by its competitor, SCOR S.A., that SCOR commenced a tender offer for outstanding registered shares of Converium.

The Board of Directors will make its recommendation regarding the offer and state its reasons for such position within the time legally required after the commencement of the tender offer. Accordingly, the Converium Board of Directors urges its shareholders to defer making a determination with regard to the tender offer until they have been advised of the Board of Directors' position.

Converium shareholders are strongly advised to carefully read Converium's solicitation/recommendation statement when it becomes available regarding the tender offer by SCOR because it will contain important information which should be considered before any decision is made with respect to the tender offer. Copies of the solicitation/recommendation statement will be filed by Converium with the Securities and Exchange Commission and will be available at the SEC's web site at www.sec.gov, or at the Converium website at www.converium.com.

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About Converium

Converium is an independent international multi-line reinsurer known for its innovation, professionalism and service. Today Converium employs about 500 people in 15 offices around the globe and is organized into three business segments: Standard Property & Casualty Reinsurance, Specialty Lines and Life & Health Reinsurance. Converium has an "A-" ("strong") financial strength rating (outlook stable) from Standard & Poor's and a "B++" financial strength rating (outlook positive) from A.M. Best Company.

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