

## Media release

### Helvetia and Swiss Life confirm negotiations concerning French transport insurance business

*St.Gallen, 14 May 2009* / Swiss Life and Helvetia have confirmed that the two groups are involved in exclusive negotiations over the acquisition of the transport insurance company CEAT by Helvetia. CEAT is currently owned by Swiss Life. Swiss Life and Helvetia will announce the outcome of the discussions in due course.

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