

Civil proceedings: " Special Dividend/Consultants" HBInt. and GRAWE reach settlement

**Separate agreement also with MAPS
Bank will receive a total of EUR 19 million**

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The Hypo Alpe Adria and the GRAWE Group - a minority shareholder in Hypo Alpe-Adria Bank International AG until the bank's emergency nationalisation in 2009 - have agreed to a settlement today before the Provincial Court of Klagenfurt as part of the civil proceedings "Special Dividend/Consultants". The settlement amount totals EUR 17.5 million.

The chairman of the HBInt Executive Board, Dr. Alexander Picker, welcomed the settlement: "The agreement with GRAWE for the repayment of EUR 17.5 million is a positive signal and confirms the bank's efforts. I hope that by acting responsibly with this step, GRAWE can also serve as an example for other former shareholders of the bank."

GRAWE General Director, Dr. Othmar Ederer, commented on the topic, saying: "By entering into this settlement, we want to end proceedings before the court that would have been accompanied by very high litigation costs. In doing so, GRAWE underlines its responsibility as a former shareholder of the bank and is making a substantial contribution to its restructuring."

The general settlement ends the civil proceedings "Special Dividend/Consultants" pending between the two parties. All pending legal issues from the past between the two corporate groups were resolved concurrent with the settlement.

Similarly, a settlement was reached today in the pending proceedings between HBInt. and MAPS. The parties agreed to a repayment in the amount of EUR 1.575 million. In total, HBInt. will receive some EUR 19 million based on the two settlements.

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