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New exhibition opens at Wertpapierwelt museum

Higher – faster – further The history of mobility on securities

Olten, 15 May 2006 – The Wertpapierwelt museum's fourth exhibition opens tomorrow. The exhibition focuses on the topic of mobility on land and water and in the air. A revealing selection of securities shows the visitor which modern means of transportation received their initial impetus from public limited companies.

In time for the celebration of "150 years of railways in Olten", Wertpapierwelt is devoting its latest exhibition to the topic of mobility. With the aid of 80 selected securities, the exhibition "higher – faster – further" not only documents the invention and development of modern means of transport, it also sheds light on the financial backing they received from public limited companies. A number of true-to-life vehicle models from Switzerland's Museum of Transport as well as typical background noises from the everyday world of mobility carry the visitor away on an exciting journey through time and space.

Our technologically advanced means of transportation were preceded by long periods of development and a fair share of dead ends. Dagmar Schöning, the curator of Wertpapierwelt: "In spite of these dead ends, the rapid development of the transportation sector would not have been possible without the public limited company. The capital and enthusiasm of private investors, in particular, served as the motor of technological development."

Wertpapierwelt's yearly exhibitions give the public an informative and entertaining look at economic history. The latest exhibition explores the profound and lasting effect of mobility on the economy of Switzerland and the world.

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Wertpapierwelt museum

"Wertpapierwelt" is the name of the museum of the charitable foundation "Historical Securities Collection", an initiative launched by SIS Swiss Financial Services Group AG.

The collection comprises over 7,000 securities from more than 100 countries. The Wertpapierwelt museum conveys the highly diverse nature of historical securities in changing thematic exhibitions. In so doing, it hopes to make the public more aware of the economic significance of the public limited company from its beginnings to the present day.

Address: Museum Wertpapierwelt, Baslerstrasse 90, CH-4600 Olten,
phone +41-62-311-6622, email: museum@sisclear.com

Opening hours: every Tuesday and Wednesday from 9.30 am to 5.00 pm

Guided tours for groups are offered upon request.

Further information: www.wertpapierwelt.ch

**Note: "150 years of railways in Olten" – Wertpapierwelt joins in the celebrations!
17 June 2006 – Open house day**

This year Olten is celebrating "150 years of railways": In June 1856, the first steam-driven train passed through the town of Olten on the river Aare. To commemorate this jubilee, Wertpapierwelt will be open for visitors on Saturday, 17 June 2006, from 9.30 am to 5 pm. The new exhibition titled "Higher – faster – further" presents securities from the history of mobility along with a wealth of background information.