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The goals of the new Groupe Mutuel Foundation

To support those in need and reward those who deserve to be.

Martigny, 28 February 2019. Set up in 2018, Groupe Mutuel Foundation develops its activities on a non-profit basis. In this regard, the Foundation supports the well-being of the Swiss population, including health promotion and prevention measures. Its scope of action covers institutions and associations, individual policyholders and companies. In order to fulfil its mandate, Groupe Mutuel Foundation will launch three specific initiatives in 2019.

“I am extremely happy and proud to announce today that we are implementing activities that are fully in line with the goals of Groupe Mutuel Foundation.

The projects have strong social value, which is of particular significance to me, and I am determined to put lots of energy into developing this worthwhile cause”, said Karin Perraudin, President of Groupe Mutuel Foundation.

Institutional support

An Incentive Fund has been set up for institutions, associations and individuals working in the health sector in Switzerland. The Fund will financially support particularly useful initiatives related to health prevention and promotion, as well as research and education.

Support for insured individuals

The unexpected expenses arising from a serious illness or accident can rapidly affect a household’s financial situation. In the same way, innovative treatments that have not yet been officially recognised in Switzerland may prove to be too expensive for some people. Aware of these difficulties, Groupe Mutuel Foundation has set up a fund that will grant exceptional and one-off financial assistance to a number of insured individuals whose application will have been selected after a careful review by specialists.

A prize for businesses, associations and institutions

Each year, Groupe Mutuel Foundation will reward those who have significantly contributed to improving health in Switzerland, during the award ceremony of the Foundation Prize.

A Corporate Prize, granted in the form of prevention measures in the workplace, will be awarded to a company that has taken noteworthy and efficient health promotion initiatives for its employees.

Prizes will also be awarded to three associations, institutions or individuals who have made a significant contribution to the health of the Swiss population.

The winners will be chosen by a jury made up of members of the Foundation. For a total of almost CHF 50,000, the prizes will be awarded each year in September during a ceremony organised in Switzerland.

To find out more about the Foundation, its activities, prizes and sponsors, go to the website of Groupe Mutuel: www.groupemutuel.ch/foundation

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About Groupe Mutuel

980,000 individuals are insured with Groupe Mutuel for basic health insurance. In total, more than 1.3 million individual customers and 23,000 corporate clients have placed their trust in Groupe Mutuel. Its overall turnover exceeds CHF 5.6 billion.

In addition to compulsory insurance (LAMal/KVG) and supplemental insurance (LCA/VVG), clients can choose from an extensive range of life insurance policies for the coverage of risks and individual pension benefits, as well as from a range of patrimony insurance solutions (legal protection, private liability insurance and household contents insurance).

Groupe Mutuel insurers are also able to offer daily allowance insurance to companies, pursuant to LAMal/KVG and LCA/VVG, as well as compulsory accident insurance (LAA/UVG). Groupe Mutuel manages two pension funds: Groupe Mutuel Prévoyance and Mutuelle Valaisanne de Prévoyance.