

## **MOL Chairman and CEO Named Defendant in Private Prosecution**

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- ▶ **Decision of Hungarian state prosecution remains unchanged**
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MOL Group announced today that its Chairman and CEO, Mr. Zsolt Hernádi, has been named as a defendant in a private prosecution in Hungary. The case is pursued by a private individual and MOL shareholder against Mr. Hernádi in person. MOL is not a party to the lawsuit. The plaintiff claims that the loss of value in possessed MOL shares which was caused by alleged improper and unlawful behavior in connection with MOL's acquisition of management rights over INA Industrija Nafta d.d., Zagreb (INA). The case is handled by the competent Budapest Country Court.

The plaintiff, who is a former employee of MOL, chose a special type of procedure, the so called private prosecution after a claim submitted to the Hungarian state prosecution was rejected. The factual components of the private prosecution based on the allegations available from the Croatian and Hungarian media seem to be deemed inextricably linked to those of Croatia's present Arrest Warrant request. Mr. Hernádi has demonstrated already in the past to the MOL Board of Directors' full satisfaction why assertions are unfounded and the case is without merits.

MOL Group acknowledges the fact, that the resolution of the Hungarian state prosecution to dismiss any request in this respect remains unchanged. Furthermore MOL Group considers this private prosecution handled by the competent Budapest Country Court as a fair and independent court case and trusts that the court will review the facts thoughtfully and in the most appropriate manner.

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