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CYBER ATTACK ON HAUS DES STIFTENS

Munich, September 30, 2024 - The social enterprise Haus des Stiftens was the victim of a cyberattack on September 21, 2024. To defend against and further investigate the attack, external IT forensic experts were immediately called in to assist with the investigation and clarification of the incident and to restore the security and integrity of the systems. The areas and systems affected and the extent to which they were affected are currently still unclear and are being investigated. The relevant authorities have been informed.

In the course of repairing the damage, numerous IT systems had to be taken offline. As a result, Haus des Stiftens and the IT systems made available by the building are currently only accessible to a limited extent. Based on current knowledge, it must be assumed that despite extensive technical security measures, the attackers have succeeded in accessing the servers in Munich and the data stored on them to a not inconsiderable extent, encrypting data and exfiltrating data from the servers.

Haus des Stiftens is working at urgently on further clarification and analysis, as well as on setting up an alternative IT infrastructure. A particular focus is on identifying and informing all those affected as quickly as possible.

"We need to be aware that cybercrime can affect the non-profit world despite extensive technical precautions, and that it is likely to do so increasingly. We now need to find solutions to deal with this. We are working hard to minimize the impact for all those affected and for us," says Gerit Reimann, Managing Director of Haus des Stiftens.

The Haus des Stiftens publishes all information on the status on its website.

The Haus des Stiftens can be reached by telephone and e-mail as usual. Please direct any inquiries about the cyber attack to datenschutz@hausdesstiftens.org.

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About Haus des Stiftens:

The social enterprise Haus des Stiftens supports foundations, non-profit organizations and companies in their social commitment to contribute to the common good.

Haus des Stiftens manages and advises over 1,500 charitable foundations with assets of over one billion euros. It has initiated open-ended public funds for the special requirements of foundations. It implements funding programs for over 100 companies. In partnership with TechSoup, it operates the Stifter-helfen IT portal, where charitable organizations can obtain software and hardware from IT companies as donations or at special conditions. In addition, Haus des Stiftens offers an ongoing webinar program and several annual knowledge camps for the non-profit world. Haus des Stiftens was founded in 1995 by the non-profit Brochier Foundation. Further information can be found at:

www.hausdesstiftens.org/presse