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Dear Friends,

May was a fruitful month for our businesses. For June, we're looking forward to some events of a very different kind: the World Cup!

We hope to watch the matches together with you,

Best regards,

Anick Van Calster  
Ambassador

### **World cup – Red Devils**

June is indeed the month of the World Cup, and our national team, the "Red Devils" raises great hopes for this competition. That's why all their faithful supporters are invited to join us on 17<sup>th</sup> of June (7 pm) for the first match against Algeria. We expect you at "J.J.Murphy's", Karnigradska Street, 6 –Sofia. To be sure we can reserve sufficient space for this event, please confirm your venue before 10<sup>th</sup> of June by sending an e-mail to [sofia@diplobel.fed.be](mailto:sofia@diplobel.fed.be). Don't forget to mention how many supporters you will be. The first drink is on the Embassy, hoping we will have the opportunity to celebrate our Red Devils' first victory in this World Cup ...



### **Van Hool plant in Macedonia officially inaugurated.**



Skopje, Macedonia – Mr Nikola Gruevski, Prime Minister of Macedonia, numerous other members of the Macedonian government and H.E. Anick Van Calster, Belgian Ambassador, were present at the official inauguration of Van Hool's new bus plant in Skopje, Macedonia. With this investment of 25 million €, this Belgian company wishes to reaffirm and strengthen its position on the international coach and bus market in the coming years. Filip Van Hool, CEO of

Van Hool NV, declared during the official inauguration that starting in 2015, a new type of coach - the "EX (pronounced : e-iks) - will be built in Macedonia for the European and other new markets.

More info on :<http://www.vanhool.be/ENG/highlights/vanhoolmacedonia.html>

## CEO of Solvay Bulgaria elected member of the board of Bulgarian Industrial Association.

Our compatriot, M. Spiros Nomikos (on the right side, on top), CEO of Solvay Bulgaria, was elected on 25<sup>th</sup> of April member of the board of Bulgarian Industrial Association. This is obviously a great honour, but also an evident prove of the notoriety of Solvay and M. Nomikos in Bulgaria. Congratulations!



## Awex Mission Skopje-Tirana last May



During the week of May 12<sup>th</sup> the Offices of Awex in Sofia and Athens organized an economic mission in Skopje and Tirana. The delegation was composed by almost 10 Walloon companies from various sectors: Aenergyes, Agriphar Group, Almadius, Belgian Advanced Technology System, Drytec, GPO, Networking, Spaque, Trame and the Cluster VAL+. They have had interesting meetings with Macedonian and Albanian authorities and also with some potential clients. A brochure presenting the

participating companies is available upon request ([awex@sofia.bg](mailto:awex@sofia.bg)).

## For a Fourth Consecutive Year DZI – General Insurance JSC is Insurer of the Year

At an official ceremony, held on 19.05.2014, for a fourth year in a row, DZI received the highest award in the insurance industry.

The prize was handed over to Kosta Cholakov – Chairman of the Management Board and Chief Executive Director of DZI.

When receiving the award K. Cholakov stressed that the award was due to the efforts of all employees and intermediaries of DZI.

He dedicated the award to the sales network and brokers and added he hopes that with their assistance next year again the prize would be awarded to DZI. Criteria for selecting the „Insurer of the Year” are: market share, gross claims paid, technical result, net premium income, solvency ratio, share of technical reserves, net cost ratio. Nominations and decision of the expert jury determine the winners each year.



## BNP Paribas hosts Business-after-hours event as new AmCham member



BNP Paribas hosted recently a business-after-hour event in its concept store as a new AmCham member. More than 100 guests were welcomed and gathered for networking and to enjoy the National Geographic exhibition “the World in Black and White”. The Concept Store was launched in 2013 simultaneously with the new highly secured online platform providing a unique savings experience for the Bulgarian

market. “Deposits with Futures” is giving the opportunity for digital client on-boarding and deposits management for individuals. For more information : [www.deposits.bnpparibas.bg](http://www.deposits.bnpparibas.bg).