



Torus Appoints Simon Urry to Underwrite Global Marine Liability

October 5, 2009: Torus, the global specialty insurer, is further diversifying its product offerings with the appointment of Simon Urry to the position of Senior Casualty Underwriter, with immediate effect. Mr. Urry, who has over 30 years experience in liability insurance, joins Torus' Offshore Energy team in London, reporting to Head of Global Offshore Energy, David Message. He will also work closely with Torus' Head of Global Casualty, David Perez, who is based in Bermuda.

Mr. Urry joins Torus from Markel International where he led the Global Marine and Energy Liability account of the company's Lloyd's syndicate following Markel's purchase of Octavian in 1999. He has also worked at Aon Group Limited Energy and C.E Heath, now Heath Lambert.

Commenting on Mr. Urry's appointment, David Message said: "Simon is a highly experienced liability underwriter and has a proven track record of building a successful and profitable international account from scratch. He will be an invaluable asset."

Mr. Urry added: "Torus provides a unique environment for creating new platforms and products. I'm looking forward to developing the liability portfolio alongside the likes of David Message and David Perez, who are highly experienced and respected underwriters."

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About Torus:

Torus provides property, casualty and specialty insurance as well as reinsurance products to a global client base through its UK, US and Bermuda based insurance subsidiaries. Areas of expertise include complex property, energy, power, utility and construction as well as other highly engineered risk classes. Torus carries a group rating of A - (excellent) from A.M. Best and has capital in excess of US\$700 million provided by First Reserve Corporation.

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