



Torus Launches Environmental Platform

- Specialty insurer continues expansion of specialist product offerings for small and midsized companies in the US

- Continually changing EPA (United States Environmental Protection Agency) regulation heightens need for environmental insurance

12 July, 2010: Following the establishment of Management Liability, Healthcare and Renewable Energy practices earlier this year, Torus, the global specialty insurer, has appointed sector specialist Adrienne Viguera as Vice President to develop tailored environmental products for small and midsized businesses in the US.

Based in Torus' Jersey City office, Ms. Viguera will also develop non-environmental programs for contractors, manufacturers and premises exposures. She will also work closely with Torus' Renewable Energy and Healthcare teams to enable seamless coverage by adding environmental components to their products.

The timely launch of the new platform comes as continually changing EPA regulations, such as the lead-safe certification rule that came into effect on April 22 this year, are increasing awareness amongst business owners of the need for environmental insurance to protect their businesses.

"Insureds have woken up to the fact that environmental insurance should be part of their general liability portfolio," said Linc Trimble, Head of US Excess Casualty and to whom Ms. Viguera will report. "Adrienne is an expert on environmental risk issues. Along with Torus' well developed service infrastructure and highly experienced claim centre, her niche expertise ensures Torus is ready to meet this growing need."

Ms. Viguera has over 25 years of insurance experience, 20 of which were centred on environmental insurance designing straightforward programs for real estate transfers to complex Fortune 500 placements. Prior to Torus she managed her own consulting company, CEC Consultants, which provided environmental expertise to insurance brokers. She attended Hunter College and studied environmental law at the Practising Law Institute, both in New York.

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Notes to editors:

- **About Torus:** Torus provides property, casualty and speciality insurance, as well as reinsurance to a global client base through its European, US and Bermudian based subsidiaries. Launched in 2008, Torus now has over 350 employees in 13 offices worldwide. Torus carries a group rating of A - (excellent) from A.M. Best and has capital of approximately \$1billion provided by First Reserve Corporation and Corsair Capital. For more information visit www.torusinsurance.com

- **About EPA:** For more information about the EPA and the lead-safe certification rule visit: <http://www.epa.gov/lead/pubs/lscp-press.htm>
- Interviews available on request

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