



Torus Boosts Broker/Client Service with Senior Business Development Appointments

January 4, 2011: Torus, the global specialty insurer, has appointed Brian Blessing and Maryanne Swaim as Business Development Representatives for Torus in the US. Reporting to Matthew Munson, Vice President & Regional Chief Operating Officer for Central and Midwest US regions, Mr. Blessing and Ms. Swaim will enhance broker and client service, supporting the drive for profitable growth in the US.

Ms. Swaim has over 30 years of business development experience in the commercial insurance arena. She has held senior positions at Aon and Marsh and joins Torus from Lloyd's, Illinois, where she was most recently President responsible for the protection of the Lloyd's license, brand promotion and business growth, as well as the business administration for Lloyd's underwriters in Illinois. She holds an MBA and an MS in marketing from Aurora University, Illinois, as well as CPCU and ARM insurance delegations.

Mr. Blessing has over 13 years of experience in senior management, sales, marketing and agency management. He joins Torus from Marsh where he was most recently Vice President/Producer. He has also held various positions at Fireman's Fund and Chubb. Prior to his insurance career he served in the United States Marine Corps Reserves.

"Brian and Maryanne have an excellent track record in customer focused roles," said Mr. Munson. "They have the business building experience and broad industry knowledge to help strengthen Torus' presence in the US by establishing long-term relationships with brokers and clients."

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About Torus:

Torus provides property, casualty and specialty 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 500 employees in 13 offices worldwide. Torus carries a group rating of A - (excellent) from A.M. Best and has capital of approximately \$1 billion provided by First Reserve Corporation and Corsair Capital. For more information visit www.torusinsurance.com