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QBE AND TOWERGATE PARTNER ON LONG TERM PROPERTY DEAL

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QBE, the specialist business insurer, and Towergate Underwriting announce today that QBE will be the insurer of an arrangement for Commercial Property Owners business.

The business is underwritten and serviced by the Towergate Property team in London who have an account in the region of £40m. The agreement will provide a dedicated channel for QBE's brokers to access this specialist market.

Bernard Mageean, Managing Director Property - QBE European Operations comments 'We are delighted to be working in partnership with Towergate on such a successful area of business. This is a fantastic opportunity to make a significant impact in the UK Property Owners sector by using our specialist expertise. It also supports QBE's ambition to achieve significant profitable growth in its Property division over the next five years.'

Mageean continues "We look forward to working closely with Towergate to develop this book of business further.

Towergate Underwriting CEO, Clive Nathan said "We are pleased to continue to strengthen our relationship with QBE. Our business model is all about specialist underwriting and expertise, and our Property Owners team has maintained an excellent reputation over the years. So, we looked very closely at our potential partners and found QBE to be speaking the right language."

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About QBE

QBE Insurance Group is Standard & Poor's 'A+' rated and is one of the world's leading international insurers and reinsurers, headquartered in Sydney, Australia. We operate out of 48 countries across the globe, with a presence in all key insurance markets, and are lead underwriters within our chosen markets, setting rates and conditions. For the year ended 31 December 2009, the company underwrote gross written premium totalling £7,241.86 million and held shareholders' funds of £5,670.07 million.

QBE's European Operations, which accounts for 35% of QBE Group turnover, is a leading specialist in London market and European commercial lines business. It provides a wide range of insurance cover, including property, motor, liability and professional indemnity across a broad range of business types and sizes.

QBE is proud to be the Official Business Insurance Partner of the England Rugby and Premiership Rugby. Our partnerships with two elite properties in the sport will allow QBE's brand to continue to develop and business to grow.

About Towergate Partnership

Towergate Partnership is Europe's largest independently owned insurance intermediary. Since being founded in 1997 the business has acquired over 170 underwriting and broking firms and now employs over 4000 staff across 100 UK offices. In 2009 Towergate Partnership reported a total income of £323m and gross written premiums of £2.4bn. The business is the most significant provider of insurance to the SME market and partners with the Federation of Small Businesses.