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QBE BOOSTS BIRMINGHAM TEAM WITH SENIOR PROPERTY APPOINTMENT

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QBE, the specialist business insurer, is pleased to announce the appointment of Chris Tomkins to the position of Senior Property Underwriter at its Birmingham operation.

Chris joins QBE's team in Birmingham from Ace European Group, where he was Senior Property Underwriter responsible for their commercial property book within the regional portfolio.

Prior to Ace, Chris has over two decades of industry experience gained in a number of senior underwriting roles, including as a Senior Regional Underwriter at Catlin, where he built Catlin's presence in the local marketplace and as a Senior Commercial Broker at James Hampden and Senior Property Underwriter at Lloyd's Syndicate KGP 105 (John Poland & Company Ltd). All of Chris's roles have focused on UK regional business.

Chris is a member of the CII and was President of the CII of Nottingham between 2006 and 2007.

Terry Whittaker, Managing Director of UK National, QBE European Operations, said: "With the appointment of a senior underwriter of Chris' calibre and breadth of market experience, it demonstrates that at QBE we are truly dedicated to building a UK regional network that can offer underwriting excellence and the highest quality of service."

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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 45 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 2008, the company underwrote gross written premium totalling £6,025 million and held shareholders' funds of £5,364 million.

QBE's European Operations, which accounts for almost 40% of QBE Group turnover, is a leading specialist in London market and European commercial lines business. Active in both the Lloyd's and company market, QBE offers considerable diversity to the broking community, via eight product-focused underwriting divisions - casualty, QBE Re Europe, property, motor, marine & energy, specialty, aviation - all operations have the ability to write on both Lloyd's and company market paper.

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