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### QBE SUPPORTS HELP FOR HEROES WITH LAUNCH OF BRANDED BI-PLANES AT CHARITY EVENT

**London, 21 May 2010**

QBE, the specialist business insurer, today announces that, in support of its 2010 chosen charity, Help for Heroes, it has chosen “Bugles at Dusk”, the charity event being held on 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2010 at Royal Flying Corps Rendcomb Airfield, to launch two QBE branded bi-planes.

The two planes will be launched alongside a Spitfire from the Battle of Britain Memorial Flight as part of the event’s highlights, which will include breathtaking aircraft displays with exciting aerobatics and the amazing AeroSuperBatics Wingwalking Team.

The renowned Band and Bugles of The Rifles will accompany the displays. The event will also host a grand charity auction featuring amazing prizes and unique experiences.

All proceeds from the day will be donated to Help for Heroes; the charity which provides practical direct support to those servicemen and women wounded in the line of duty in current conflicts, The Rifles Benevolent Fund and The Soldiers of Gloucestershire Museum.

Mo Kang, Chief Human Resources Officer, QBE European Operations, said “Each year QBE’s staff choose the cause they would like to support through charitable activities and we are proud to demonstrate our commitment to this year’s cause, Help for Heroes, through our sponsorship of the bi-planes at this historic location which captures the essence of all that we are seeking to support.”

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QBE's European Operations, which accounts for 35% 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 four product-focused underwriting divisions – casualty & motor, property, marine & energy, reinsurance & specialist - all operations have the ability to write on both Lloyd's and company market paper.

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