



## PRESS RELEASE

### QBE APPOINTS GENERAL MANAGER IN SWEDEN

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QBE European Operations has announced that Torkel Lindberg will be joining its Scandinavian team as General Manager for its branch in Sweden.

Torkel will join QBE in April 2009 when his primary focus will be to develop QBE's product offering in the local market with a particular focus on Casualty and Property insurance products

Joining QBE from Marsh Stockholm, where he held the position of Head of Risk Management Accounts and Nordic Head of Specialties, Torkel brings a wealth of experience to QBE. With 19 years in insurance, his experience has been predominantly in casualty and financial products, along with wide exposure to property, accident and health and affinity business.

Doron Grossman, Managing Director European Markets, QBE European Operations commented "*We are delighted that Torkel has decided to join us and build our business in Sweden. His appointment is part of our strategy to strengthen and invigorate our presence not only in Sweden, but in the rest of Scandinavia.*"

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#### **QBE in Europe**

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. Structured around eight product-focused underwriting divisions - casualty, QBE Re Europe, property, motor, marine & energy, specialty, aviation - all of our operations have the ability to write on both Lloyd's and company market paper. The group also includes P&I specialist, British Marine. In addition to the London Market, QBE operates from seven UK-regional centres and has a presence in 15 European countries.

#### **QBE Globally**

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 2007, the company underwrote gross written premium totaling £5,188 million and held shareholders' funds of £3,746 million.