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QBE GROWS REGIONAL DISTRIBUTION FOR MOTOR TRADE BUSINESS

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QBE is pleased to announce the appointment of Iain Bickers in the position of Senior Motor Trade Underwriter, based in Leeds. Iain was previously a Senior Underwriter at Aviva (formerly Norwich Union), where he had been employed for 27 years gaining experience across a broad range of commercial underwriting classes, and was responsible for a team of trading underwriters in the North East region.

At QBE Iain's role will be to write Combined Motor Trade business. This position provides an alternative motor trade product to brokers in the North East offering a flexible underwriting approach with a wide risk appetite.

Matthew Crane, Managing Director, for the Motor Division of QBE European Operations, said: "This new appointment complements our strategy for the distribution of our products across the UK. It further extends our existing regional underwriting capability, and we are delighted to welcome Iain to the team. We look forward to a continued expansion of our capabilities in this area in the near future."

Pat Wood, Commercial Manager for QBE in Leeds, said: "Iain brings with him a wealth of motor trade experience that makes him a valuable addition to the Leeds business. The move is part of QBE's ongoing drive to regionalise its underwriting, and I am proud that brokers in the North East will now benefit further from QBE's regional underwriting strategy."

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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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