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QBE MOTOR EXPANDS LEGAL EXPENSES PARTNERSHIP

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As part of the continuing development of its motor portfolio offering, QBE's Motor division is pleased to announce that it has formed a legal expenses partnership with Lawclub Legal Protection in order to consolidate and enhance the legal expenses and uninsured loss recovery (ULR) cover it provides to its motor policyholders.

The partnership, which replaces the covers previously underwritten by DAS and QBE, is effective for all new business and renewals on or after 1st April 2009. It provides greater limits of cover across the QBE motor policy provisions through a provider with a strong focus on legal expense solutions.

Under the new arrangement, claims for uninsured loss recovery will be handled by Lawclub Legal Protection's panel solicitor, Manchester-based Horwich Farrelly Solicitors, who will negotiate settlement on behalf of QBE policyholders, liaising with them directly until the conclusion of their claims to achieve a fair settlement in a reasonable period of time.

Commenting on the new arrangement, Matthew Crane, Managing Director of QBE Motor said: "QBE works hard to ensure that the motor legal expenses offering is one of the most comprehensive in the UK when combined with our risk management support, road safety initiatives, accident management provision, scene of accident recovery and rehabilitation services.

"The new partnership means our motor clients will be able to benefit from a more comprehensive legal expenses and ULR service provided by a leading UK law firm which is acknowledged as a market expert in the provision of legal expenses and uninsured loss recovery services.

This transition is all about speed and efficiency in the legal expenses and uninsured loss recovery field for the benefit of all of our UK motor policyholders looking for such a provision."

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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.

Lawclub Legal Protection

Lawclub Legal Protection is the trading name for Allianz Legal Protection (ALP), part of Allianz Insurance Plc. Lawclub Legal Protection has over 15 years of experience underwriting motor legal expenses insurance in the UK. The new partnership will provide a consolidation of the legal expenses and uninsured loss recovery (ULR) provisions underwritten by DAS and QBE prior to April 1, 2009. Policies incepting prior to that date will continue to operate until 31st March 2010.

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