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Ropner Insurance Services appoints new Chairman

- Frank Hindle succeeds Gordon Whiteley

Ropner Insurance Services Ltd ('Ropner') appoints **Frank Hindle** as its new Chairman.

Frank moves into this role from his previous roles of CEO and Executive Director. Frank succeeds **Gordon Whiteley**, who retires after 13 successful years as Chairman.

Gordon will continue in his role as Chairman of the holdings company, which has been re-named *Ropner Insurance Holdings Ltd*.

Commenting on the appointment, Frank said:

"I look forward to continuing to work with the Ropner team in building on the successes that we have achieved to date and in driving the company forward."

Frank and Gordon have worked together for over 38 years. In 1995 after successfully building up and then selling their insurance brokerage firm *Whiteley Henshaw Hindle* to *Heath Lambert*, Frank and Gordon along with several of their colleagues joined Ropner. Frank joined as CEO and Gordon as Chairman.

In 2007, **Richard Steel** took over as CEO from Hindle who stepped down to become Executive Director. Richard was Marine MD, he has been at Ropner since 1985 and he was involved in the original buyout of the Insurance Broker from Ropner PLC.

Richard Steel, commented:

"Gordon Whiteley will be missed, both for his enormous contributions to the direction and expansion of the company and as a trusted advisor and friend to us all. We wish Gordon well in his retirement from Ropner Insurance Services Ltd and we are delighted to have Frank as our new Chairman."

This appointment marks a period of corporate restructuring and growth at Ropner as the company continues to expand its operations.

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Notes to Editor

Ropner Insurance Services

City of London based, **Ropner Insurance Services Ltd** is an independent Lloyd's of London insurance broker originating from The Ropner Shipping Company (*founded in 1875*). Ropner was founded in 1969 by the amalgamation of two established and respected Lloyd's brokers and became independent in 1991. Over the years Ropner has expanded its areas of operation from traditional Marine business into Non Marine, Reinsurance, Fine Art and Specie.

▪ **The Ropner Marine Division**

Ropner is one of the leading Marine brokers within the London market with accounts ranging from major international port authorities and large oil/energy corporations, to yacht marinas.

The department provides a highly innovative and personal service not only in traditional forms of coverage such as comprehensive general liability, umbrella, terminal operators, boat builders, Super Yachts, hull insurance and cargo coverages, but also produces specialised occurrence forms, packages and programs which are tailored and created to the individual insured's requirements.

The department handles a worldwide, direct and reinsurance book of business, for a wide range of wholesale and retail clients.

▪ **The Ropner Non-Marine Division**

The Non-Marine division handles every class of insurance and reinsurance from both a physical damage and a financial loss perspective.

- Liability (UK and International)
- Professional Indemnity
- Management Liability
- Livestock
- Property
- Terrorism
- Fine Art & Specie
- Contingency

▪ **The Ropner Reinsurance / Treaty Division**

The Treaty / Reinsurance division works with clients across Europe, South America and the Middle East.

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The division specialises in all forms of Marine and Non-Marine Reinsurance and has extensive experience in the review, design and placement of treaty reinsurance protections which often require tailor-made arrangements to address the particular needs of a client.

▪ **The Ropner Claims Department**

The Claims department plays a vital role in the servicing of the company's clients. The department provides the highest possible service to its clients to ensure that the process is as simple and as easy as possible. This is achieved by exemplary and speedy claims advice and settlement.

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