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### Guy Carpenter Named Best Casualty Broker, Best Marine Broker At *Reactions* London Market Awards 2009

Steven Firmin Receives "Rising Star" Award

#### London, July 10, 2009

Guy Carpenter & Company, LLC was named "Casualty Reinsurance Broker of the Year" and "Marine Broker of the Year" at *Reactions* magazine's annual London Market Awards Dinner, held at the Grange City Hotel in London. In addition, Guy Carpenter's Steven Firmin was honored with the "Rising Star for Broking" award.

In recognizing Guy Carpenter's casualty broking capabilities, the awards panel highlighted the firm's success in developing an analytical model for underwriters for underwriters that is "innovative, scientific, practical and has received widespread approval." The panel also noted that Guy Carpenter has "consistently set the trend for innovation in this area and demonstrated true market knowledge and expertise in identifying and reacting to the management of casualty related risks."

The awards panel also commented that, despite "significant competition," Guy Carpenter's marine capabilities "stand out from the crowd." Mr. Firmin was recognized for his work ethic, quality of service, and respected reputation in the marketplace.

Launched in 2006, the awards recognize the London market's best insurers, reinsurers and brokers. Judges include *Reactions* readers as well as an independent panel of experts and market-facing professionals representing trade associations, underwriters and brokers. Recipients of the awards must demonstrate superior expertise/knowledge of the field, innovation, service to clients, and reputation.

#### QUOTE

#### Peter Zaffino, President and CEO, Guy Carpenter & Company, LLC

"We are gratified to be recognized by our peers in the industry as the leading London market reinsurance broker for 2009. The award is a testament to the outstanding insight and depth of expertise we are able to offer clients in these challenging times. I would also like to congratulate Steven Firmin on being honored as Young Broker of the Year – an outstanding achievement that speaks to the quality of talent we have across the organization."

#### TAGS/KEYWORDS

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