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Guy Carpenter Expands Asia Pacific Team With New Appointments in Singapore and Sydney

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Guy Carpenter & Company, LLC, the leading global risk and reinsurance specialist and a member of Marsh & McLennan Companies (NYSE: MMC), today announced the expansion of its risk management capabilities in the Asia Pacific region with a number of senior-level appointments.

Christian Schirmer has been appointed Head of GC Analytics® – Asia Pacific and is based in Sydney, Australia. Mr. Schirmer has 18 years of re/insurance industry experience in both the UK and Australia, including roles at McKinsey & Company, Bain & Company and Beazley Insurance, where he was Head of Ceded Reinsurance.

To further strengthen Guy Carpenter's facultative, retrocessional and specialty practices in the region, three senior brokers will join the firm's Singapore office, effective January 2012:

- Lucinda Coleman will join GC Fac®, Guy Carpenter's global facultative unit. Previously, Ms. Coleman was a Broker/Producer at JLT Re Asia in Singapore.
- Brendan Plessis will join as Head of Multinational and Retrocessional practice. Mr.
   Plessis previously was a Senior Vice President at Willis Re in Bermuda.
- Richard Hakes will head the firm's Marine and Energy practice in the Asia Pacific region.
   Prior to joining Guy Carpenter, Mr. Hakes was a Commercial Director at Cooper Gay in London.

#### **QUOTES**

### James Nash, CEO of Asia Pacific Region, Guy Carpenter & Company, LLC

"The Asia Pacific region is an exciting and rapidly growing reinsurance marketplace, with a complexity of challenges across mature and emerging markets. Guy Carpenter continually seeks to broaden and deepen its technical expertise and capabilities in this region to support the evolving needs of its clients. Each of these new appointees has shown the ability to delve into complex issues and develop practical solutions for protecting and advancing client interests. We look forward to combining their individual strengths and using their collective expertise to help clients achieve their strategic and financial goals in the region."

## TAGS/KEYWORDS

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