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Enterprise Risk Management Adoption Accelerating Among Latin American and Caribbean (Re)insurers

NEW YORK, September 19, 2013 - At the GC Symposium for Latin America & Caribbean Region Partners hosted today by Guy Carpenter & Company, LLC, the leading global risk and reinsurance specialist, Donald F. Mango, Vice Chairman and Head of Enterprise Analytics at Guy Carpenter, addressed an audience of approximately 75 (re)insurance executives in Miami about the impacts that varying risk appetites, tolerances, limits and preferences have in establishing an effective enterprise risk management (ERM) system.

"Understanding the fundamental concepts of risk and how they fit into the construction of a successful ERM system is essential for the (re)insurance industry as a whole and in this region, in particular, as regulatory requirements evolve," said Mr. Mango, explaining the differences between risk appetites, risk tolerances, risk preferences and risk limits. "Both regulators and rating agencies have accelerated their emphasis on enterprise risk management practices and systems as part of any examination of the capital adequacy of a company within the (re)insurance industry," he said.

The Latin American and Caribbean risk management culture has become more sophisticated as more countries in the region adopt or weigh the implementation of stricter, risk-based capital requirements. In addition, these companies are moving toward making their risk management policies more relevant to their overall business strategy. Increasingly, they are using analytics to examine those policies to improve their (re)insurance purchasing decisions, determine their tolerance to retain risk and decide the optimal point at which to transfer risk. As a result, risk managers in the region are becoming more amenable to using risk financing tools that better gauge their companies' total cost of risk.

In his presentation, Mr. Mango also gave a historical perspective on the development of risk-based decision-making and its application to insurance. He also offered a framework for embedding corporate risk preferences into capital allocation decisions and examined why there are different attitudes toward risk found between the local office and the home office of (re)insurers.

Mr. Mango's presentation preceded a related roundtable panel focusing on "Risk and Retention in the Regulatory Environment" moderated by Aidan Pope, Chief Executive Officer for Latin America and Caribbean Operations at Guy Carpenter. "As regulatory scrutiny and disclosure demands increase for the Latin American and Caribbean (re)insurance market, and the industry realizes the competitive advantages that an efficient ERM system can provide, Guy Carpenter will be there to deliver customized analytics and other solutions to clients in the region who need strategic advice on how to manage their traditional and emerging risks," Mr. Pope said.

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The two-day symposium was attended by approximately 75 clients from Latin America and the Caribbean.

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