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## **Benfield Corporate Risk Announces New Energy Casualty Team**

Benfield Corporate Risk, the corporate risk insurance intermediary, has today announced the recruitment of an eight-strong global Energy Casualty team to enhance its capabilities in the marine, energy and power sector.

The new team will be based in four locations around the world and includes Brian Richardson, Jim McGarey and Clive Millan in London, Anne Di Bella in Bermuda, Mary Di Fede and Sherrie Boatman in New York and Mike Moran and Marlene McLoad in Houston. The team will report to John Lapsley, the Chief Executive Officer of Benfield Corporate Risk.

John Lapsley commented: "We are delighted to announce the addition of this new Energy Casualty team for Benfield Corporate Risk. The key to making successful corporate insurance placements for our customers in this area is to combine expert broking knowledge of the energy casualty sector with first-class risk assessment, analysis, structuring and servicing capabilities.

"Our new team has skills and experience of the marine, energy, power and mining sectors, as well as environmental exposures, which will enable us to deliver innovative and cost-effective casualty programmes for our customers on a global basis," added John Lapsley.

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### **Notes to Editors**

Biographies of the new team:

**Brian Richardson** leads the Energy Casualty team in Benfield Corporate Risk's London office. He was previously Head of the Energy Casualty team at Aon London. With 30 years experience in the London and international marketplace, Brian has held a variety of roles from programme design, technical and broking responsibilities in the energy and high hazard casualty business.

A key area of Brian's expertise has been in the power (production and distribution) and mining sectors globally, as well as onshore upstream and downstream energy exposures. Brian has also worked for Miller and Sedgwick Group for 20 years specialising in major complex global casualty programmes.

**James McGarey** has over 40 years experience in the insurance business both in the London and Bermuda markets. During the past 15 years, James has focused on the energy, oil and gas sectors with particular emphasis on casualty placements for US major oil accounts, utility and pipeline risks. Prior to joining the team James was most recently a Senior Vice President at Marsh and managed the Worldwide Energy Liability group in their London office from 2000 to 2005.

**Clive Millan** has more than 29 years experience in the insurance industry. During this time Clive has predominantly focused on the energy casualty sector both in the London and International marketplace. His roles have stemmed from technical to broking duties. Clive's expertise also includes the areas of oil and gas, petrochemical, utilities, mining and construction related risks. Prior to joining Benfield Corporate Risk, Clive spent six years at Aon energy casualty department and previous to this position he spent five years at Energex Insurance Brokers Limited.

**Anne Di Bella** has 18 years experience in the insurance industry, primarily in the area of casualty. Prior to joining Benfield Corporate Risk, Anne spent ten years working in the Bermuda market for Marsh, where her book of business, as an excess liability broker, consisted of marine and energy, chemical, pharmaceutical and utility customers. Anne was responsible for managing all aspects of the excess liability placements for customers. Before moving to Bermuda, Anne worked for six years in Houston as a retail broker for both Marsh and Willis. Anne graduated from the University of Wisconsin with a BBA in Risk Management and Insurance, and an MBA with an emphasis in both Finance and Risk Management and Insurance. Anne is employed by Benfield Corporate Risk's London office and is expected to be seconded to Bermuda.

**Mary Di Fede** has experience in marine, energy and casualty brokering, and also property and casualty underwriting management for Fortune 500 and other US companies. She has experience in structuring casualty loss sensitive programs including large deductible plans, retrospectively rated programs, paid loss and promissory note programs, loss portfolio transfers, captive programs and guaranteed cost programs. She also has over eight years managing MGA program business. Mary has expertise in loss and exposure analysis and the composing of manuscript forms. She is also a graduate of St John's University School of Risk Management.

**Sherrie Boatman** is a licensed property and casualty insurance broker, specialising in the area of casualty. She has 20 years experience in the insurance industry. In addition to her brokerage background, Sherrie has held a risk management position for a large transportation firm for 17 years. This position entailed analysis and placement of all lines of property and casualty insurance, including risk transfer and placements. Her prior broker experience was with Frank B. Hall and Marsh specialising with both companies in the marine, power and energy markets

**Michael Moran** has over 27 years experience primarily in the US casualty non-marine broking arena and has worked for Marsh, New Amsterdam Excess and Tri-City. Mike has managed customers from a wide spectrum of industries and has specialised in major casualty accounts especially in the energy oil and gas markets. Other areas of expertise include London reverse-flow, construction 'wrap' liability covers and Fortune 1000 excess liability placements. Mike has worked in New York, Chicago, Los Angeles and San Francisco.

**Marlene McLoad** has extensive experience in casualty, environmental and oil/gas related 'wrap-ups.' She has been responsible for designing, placing and servicing global casualty programmes across all industry sectors. Marlene has 25 years of experience, both as an underwriter at Home Ins. Co. and Continental Ins Co. Prior to joining Benfield Corporate Risk, Marlene worked for Marsh in their Houston office for 13 years, originally handling major casualty accounts and then managing their Environmental practice.

**About Benfield Corporate Risk**

Benfield Corporate Risk is a risk advisory and intermediary operation catering for the complex risk management and transfer needs of the corporate sector worldwide. It operates out of London, New York, Houston, Singapore, Bermuda, Washington DC and Paris. The Corporate Risk business is a part of the world's leading independent reinsurance and risk intermediary, Benfield Group Limited (Benfield). Benfield operates from over 40 locations and employs 1,800 people worldwide. Benfield is listed on the London Stock Exchange. For more information on Benfield Corporate Risk please log on to the website [www.benfieldCR.com](http://www.benfieldCR.com).