Munich Re has provided for the North Carolina Joint Underwriting Association and North Carolina Insurance Underwriting Association a US$305m catastrophe bond transaction that transfers hurricane risk in North Carolina to the capital markets. Munich Re acted as joint lead manager in the transaction, reinsured the risk via its US operation and placed the bond with institutional investors in the EU and Switzerland via its placement entity.

Munich Reinsurance America has reinsured a portion of two catastrophe hurricane risk layers of the North Carolina Joint Underwriting Association and North Carolina Insurance Underwriting Association which have been fully retroceded to Cayman Islands-registered Johnston Re Ltd., providing coverage up to a maximum of US$305m. Johnston Re Ltd. has issued two tranches of a principal at-risk variable rate note program with a 3-year risk period. The first tranche uses a “drop-down” feature that will replace the expiring Parkton Re 2009-1 Ltd. bond after one year. The second tranche will stay for three years at the same level directly above the first tranche. The issuance was significantly oversubscribed and due to strong demand upsized from the originally announced US$200m.

“We are pleased to have again been able to provide our US clients with a capital markets transaction. Munich Re offers its clients the full spectrum of risk transfer solutions, and the capital markets constitute a good complementary risk carrier for specialized peak risks like North Carolina hurricane. Reinsuring the risk directly in the US means that we offer full credit for reinsurance benefit for our clients in the US market,” said Tony Kuczinski, President and CEO of Munich Reinsurance America, Inc.

In the U.S., Munich Re provides access to a full range of property-casualty reinsurance and specialty insurance products through Munich Reinsurance America, Inc., American Modern Insurance Group and Hartford Steam Boiler Group. Together, we deal with the issues that affect society and work to devise cutting-edge solutions that render tomorrow’s world insurable. Munich Reinsurance America, Inc. has been successfully addressing the key challenges of the future since 1917. Our clients trust us to develop solutions for the whole spectrum of reinsurance – from traditional reinsurance agreements to the management of complex specialty reinsurance risks. Our recipe for success: we
anticipate risks early on and deliver solutions tailored to clients’ needs, creating opportunities to achieve sustained profitable growth.

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