

Press release from Liberty International Underwriters Europe

## **New appointment to build European construction book for Liberty International Underwriters in Europe**

**14 June 2010, London** – Liberty International Underwriters Europe (LIU Europe), a division of Liberty Mutual Group, has appointed Andreas Ofner\* as Senior Underwriter – Construction.

Based in Paris, Mr. Ofner will develop a book of local construction business in France as well as work closely with other LIU offices on construction projects throughout continental Europe.

Reporting to Didier Robin, Vice-President for Energy and Construction in continental Europe, Mr. Ofner has spent the last eight years working for a major French reinsurer as a Facultative Construction Underwriter.

Commenting on the new appointment Gerard van Loon, Managing Director of LIU's continental European operations, said: "In 2008 we appointed Didier Robin in Paris with the intention of growing our energy and construction account in France and continental Europe. I'm pleased to welcome Andreas Ofner as we continue furthering this strategy of business growth throughout Europe both in terms of premium volume and lines written."

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\*A hi-res photo is available on request.

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LIU is part of Liberty Mutual Group's International operations, which reported net written premium of \$7.1 billion in 2009, an increase of 4.8 percent over 2008. This constituted 25.1 percent of Liberty Mutual Group's \$28.26 billion in net written premium for the year ended December 31, 2009.

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