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OIC RUN-OFF AND THE LONDON AND OVERSEAS INSURANCE COMPANY RAISES PAYMENT TO 42%

Following a review of the latest financial position, the Scheme Administrators of OIC Run-Off Limited (formerly The Orion Insurance Company PLC) ("OIC") and The London and Overseas Insurance Company Limited ("L&O"), Dan Schwarzmann and Paul Evans of PricewaterhouseCoopers, have set a revised payment percentage of 42% in accordance with the OIC and L&O Scheme of Arrangement. This represents an increase of 4% on the present payment level of 38%.

The revised payment percentage means that those Scheme Creditors who have received a payment of 38% of their established liabilities will receive an additional payment within 90 days. Policyholders whose claims are yet to be established in accordance with the Scheme of Arrangement will receive payment in due course when liability has been established. Established liabilities covered by the arrangement between The Institute of London Underwriters ("ILU") and the Nationale-Nederlanden Overseas Finance and Investment Company Unlimited ("Nat-Ned") will continue to be paid in full in accordance with the specific arrangements within the Scheme of Arrangement.

Omni Whittington Insurance Services Limited ("Omni"), the current run-off management company for OIC and L&O, will be processing the additional payment during September 2003. Any queries surrounding claims' agreement and payment should be directed to Omni on +44 (0) 20 7423 5000.

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Notes to Editor:

- 1. OIC and L&O's Scheme of Arrangement became effective on 7 March 1997.
- 2. The initial payment level was set at 15% in October 1997.
- 3. By the end of March 2003, OIC and L&O had paid US\$ 118 million to Qualifying ILU Policyholders in respect of established liabilities covered by the ILU/Nat-Ned arrangements and US\$ 172 million to the other Scheme Creditors with established liabilities.
- 4. Dan Schwarzmann and Paul Evans are partners in the solutions for discontinued business practice at PricewaterhouseCoopers, which was named 'Service Provider of the Year 'at the British Insurance Awards 2003.
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