## **PartnerRe**

## **News Release**



## PartnerRe Ltd. Increases Quarterly Common Share Dividend by 6% to \$0.50 from \$0.47 Per Share

**PEMBROKE, Bermuda, February 2, 2010 --** PartnerRe Ltd. (NYSE:PRE) today announced that its Board of Directors has increased the annual dividend to \$2.00 per common share, from \$1.88 per common share. This is the seventeenth consecutive year that the Company has increased the common share dividend since its inception in 1993.

PartnerRe President & CEO Patrick Thiele said, "PartnerRe has a track record of generating value for shareholders over the long term, and returning capital to investors in the form of a growing stream of common dividends and share repurchases. We are pleased to announce this year's increased dividend rate, particularly in light of the acquisition of PARIS RE. We substantially increased our capital base and the number of common shares outstanding, meaning that in dollar terms, our annual dividend payout on common shares increases by 41% to \$165 million when compared to our dividend payout in 2009."

The Company issued approximately 26 million common shares in 2009 to facilitate the acquisition of PARIS RE, bringing the total number of common shares outstanding to approximately 83 million.

Today, the Board declared a regular quarterly dividend of \$0.50 per common share. The dividend will be payable on March 1, 2010, to common shareholders of record on February 19, 2010, with the stock trading ex-dividend commencing February 17, 2010.

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PartnerRe is a leading global reinsurer, providing multi-line reinsurance to insurance companies. The Company through its wholly owned subsidiaries also offers alternative risk products that include weather and credit protection to financial, industrial and service companies. Risks reinsured include property, casualty, motor, agriculture, aviation/space, catastrophe, credit/surety, engineering, energy, marine, specialty property, specialty casualty, other lines, life/annuity and health, and alternative risk products. For the year ended December 31, 2008, total revenues were \$4.0 billion. Pro-forma combined capital, which PartnerRe defines as total shareholders' equity, long-term debt, senior notes and capital efficient notes, at June 30, 2009, reflecting the acquisition of PARIS RE, was \$7.2 billion and total assets were \$23.5 billion. At September 30, 2009, prior to the recognition of the full acquisition of PARIS RE, PartnerRe's capital was \$5.8 billion and total assets were \$17.8 billion.

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