

## Successful closing of block purchase of PARIS RE shares bringing total ownership of PartnerRe to 83%

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**Zug, Switzerland, October 5, 2009**, PARIS RE Holdings Limited (Euronext: PRI) ("PARIS RE") announces that, after obtaining all necessary approvals of insurance and competition regulatory authorities, PartnerRe Ltd ("PartnerRe") has successfully closed the previously announced block purchase of the outstanding common shares of PARIS RE. PartnerRe announced that as of the close of business on October 2, 2009, it had acquired in the block purchase approximately 71% of the outstanding PARIS RE shares, with an additional 6% of the outstanding PARIS RE shares subject to physical settlement in the coming days. Following the settlement of these trades, the total shareholding of PARIS RE will increase to 83%, including the previously announced acquisition of 6% of PARIS RE shares outstanding.

Hans-Peter Gerhardt, Chief Executive Officer of PARIS RE, said:

*"With today's close of the block sale control of PARIS RE's board is handed over to PartnerRe. We welcome our six new directors, all senior officers of PartnerRe, and we look forward to working with them on setting our strategy and risk tolerance. As previously announced, this will not affect the January 1 renewals, which we will conduct independently and in line with our known proven strategy.*

*In parallel we will do our utmost to facilitate the targeted completion of the merger process before the year end and the smooth integration of our two fine organizations.*

*I am very grateful for the strong support all employees of PARIS RE have given to this acquisition thus far and remain convinced that the merged organization will represent one of the premier players in our industry."*

As recently announced, PARIS RE and PartnerRe have agreed to pursue a merger vote in lieu of a voluntary exchange offer, which is expected to expedite PartnerRe's acquisition of PARIS RE, while keeping unchanged the consideration granted to PARIS RE shareholders.

PARIS RE will call a meeting of its shareholders to vote on a proposal to effect a merger, governed by Swiss law, of PARIS RE into a wholly-owned subsidiary of PartnerRe. The merger, when approved by the holders of at least 90% of all outstanding PARIS RE voting rights, is expected to become effective in December 2009.

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**Additional Information and Where to Find It**

PartnerRe has filed a proxy statement with the United States Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC") in connection with the proposed transactions. PARIS RE and PartnerRe urge investors and shareholders to read such document and any other relevant documents filed with the SEC because they contain important information. When these documents are filed, investors and shareholders may obtain these documents free of charge at the website maintained by the SEC at [www.sec.gov](http://www.sec.gov). In addition, documents filed with the SEC by PartnerRe are available free of charge by contacting Robin Sidders, Director of Investor Relations, PartnerRe Ltd., 90 Pitts Bay Road, Pembroke, Bermuda HM 08, (441) 292-0888 or on the investor relations portion of the PartnerRe website at [www.partnerre.com](http://www.partnerre.com).

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