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On June 23, 2015, EXOR S.p.A. (“EXOR”) issued the following press release:

Turin, June 23, 2015

PRESS RELEASE

EXOR Confirms S&P Affirmation that EXOR and Its Investee Companies are Independently Rated

EXOR Capital Structure Will Have No Impact on PartnerRe Preferred Shares Rating

S&P affirmed EXOR’s investment grade rating after the submission of its PartnerRe offer

PartnerRe Board Should Stop its Irresponsible Campaign to Mislead its Own Shareholders

EXOR S.p.A. (“EXOR”; EXO.IM), one of Europe’s leading listed investment companies and the largest shareholder of PartnerRe Ltd. (“PartnerRe”; NYSE:PRE), reiterates that its capital structure will have no impact on the ratings of PartnerRe, including the BBB rating of the preferred shares, in the event EXOR acquires PartnerRe.

Standard & Poor's (“S&P”), the rating agency, has affirmed that EXOR is rated as an Investment Holding Company and therefore EXOR's rating and the ratings of its investee companies are independent of one another. EXOR's debt is not attributed to its investee companies, and the debt of its investee companies is not attributed to EXOR. These statements have been reviewed and affirmed by S&P, which affirmed also the EXOR’s investment grade rating after the submission of its offer for PartnerRe.

Calculations publicized by PartnerRe which purport to aggregate the debt of EXOR and its investee companies are therefore wrong and do not follow S&P's rating methodology.

For PartnerRe preferred shareholders, this means that should PartnerRe accept EXOR’s binding offer for the Company, EXOR’s capital structure will not affect the ratings of PartnerRe, including the BBB rating of PartnerRe preferred securities.

Under the proposed EXOR transaction, PartnerRe would be a financially stronger company than a combined AXIS/PartnerRe. PartnerRe’s debt level would be unchanged and preferred shares’ current rating, terms, rights, listing and registration requirements would be maintained, along with the same tax treatment and financial reporting. In addition, preferred shareholders would benefit from lower leverage compared to the AXIS transaction and from EXOR’s commitment to a more conservative dividend and capital distribution policy, without bearing any post-merger integration risk.

The more the PartnerRe board misleads its shareholders on the merits of the EXOR offer the clearer it is that the inferior AXIS transaction is short on substance and long on execution and integration risks for its shareholders, employees and clients.

PartnerRe shareholders seeking clarity on the EXOR offer can contact EXOR's proxy solicitor, Okapi Partners LLC, at info@okapipartners.com or toll free at (877) 796-5274 (banks and brokerage firms should call +1 (212) 297-0720). Information about EXOR's offer and access to proxy materials are also available at www.exor-partnerre.com.

EXOR is soliciting common and preferred shareholders to vote AGAINST the proposed AXIS transaction at the upcoming Special General Meeting of PartnerRe shareholders to be held on July 24, 2015. This will enable PartnerRe to accept EXOR's superior offer for the Company.

EXOR therefore continues to urge PartnerRe shareholders to vote the GOLD proxy card AGAINST all three proposals related to the AXIS transaction and asks shareholders not to sign or return any WHITE proxy cards they receive from PartnerRe. Shareholders who have already returned a WHITE proxy card, can change their vote by simply returning the GOLD proxy card.

ABOUT EXOR

EXOR is one of Europe's leading investment companies and is controlled by the Agnelli family. It is listed on the Milan Stock Exchange and has a market capitalization of approximately \$12 billion and a net asset value of approximately \$15 billion. For over a century EXOR has made successful investments, including more recently the acquisition of Chrysler by Fiat, creating the world's seventh largest car producer ("FCA") with a \$20 billion market capitalization.

EXOR focuses on long-term investments in profitable global companies, primarily in Europe and the United States, that benefit from its strong permanent capital base. In addition to FCA, its principal investments include CNH Industrial, the fourth largest global capital goods company (with a \$12 billion market capitalization), and Cushman & Wakefield, the world's largest private commercial real estate services company.

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This communication does not constitute an offer to buy or sell or the solicitation of an offer to buy or sell any securities. EXOR has filed a proxy statement (the “Proxy Statement”) with the SEC in connection with the upcoming special meeting of the shareholders of PartnerRe at which the PartnerRe shareholders will consider certain proposals regarding the proposed transaction with AXIS (the “Special Meeting Proposals”).

This material is not a substitute for the Proxy Statement that EXOR has filed with the SEC or any other documents which EXOR may send to its or PartnerRe’s shareholders in connection with the proposed transaction. INVESTORS AND SECURITY HOLDERS ARE URGED TO READ THE PROXY STATEMENT AND ANY OTHER RELEVANT DOCUMENTS IF AND WHEN THEY BECOME AVAILABLE BECAUSE THEY CONTAIN OR WILL CONTAIN IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT THE PROPOSED TRANSACTION. All such documents, when filed, are available free of charge at the SEC’s website (www.sec.gov) or by directing a request to EXOR through the investor contacts listed above.

PARTICIPANTS IN THE SOLICITATION

EXOR and its directors, executive officers and other employees may be deemed to be participants in any solicitation of shareholders in connection with the Special Meeting Proposals. Information regarding EXOR’s directors and executive officers is available in EXOR’s public announcements and filings with the SEC, Consob and the Borsa Italiana, which can also be found at www.exor.com. Other information regarding the participants in the proxy solicitation and a description of their direct and indirect interests, by security holdings or otherwise, is available in the Proxy Statement.
