

## LANCASHIRE HOLDINGS LIMITED

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### **Lancashire Holdings Limited announces US\$350 million credit facility**

Lancashire Holdings Limited ("Lancashire") today announced that on 05 April 2012, it and its wholly owned subsidiary Lancashire Insurance Company Limited entered into a new US\$350 million five year letter of credit and revolving facility (the "Facility") with Lloyds TSB Bank PLC ("Lloyds TSB") as administrative agent and issuing bank and Barclays Bank PLC ("Barclays") as syndication agent. The Facility is a renewal of expiring capacity for the group.

The letters of credit will be used to support obligations under reinsurance liabilities of Lancashire Insurance Company Limited.

Denise O'Donoghue, Lancashire's Corporate Finance Officer, commented "The Lancashire group is very pleased to have the continued support of Lloyds TSB and Barclays, both leading financial institutions. This renewal allows Lancashire to maintain financial flexibility and strength for our clients."

Richard Askey, Relationship Director at Lloyds TSB, added: "We are delighted to have worked with Lancashire on this transaction and to continue to provide a financing structure to support the Lancashire group. This new facility represents a further consolidation of our relationship with the Lancashire group."

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#### **About Lancashire**

Lancashire, through its UK and Bermuda-based insurance subsidiaries, is a global provider of specialty insurance products. The Group companies carry the following ratings:

	<b>Financial Strength Rating <sup>(1)</sup></b>	<b>Long Term Issuer Rating <sup>(2)</sup></b>	<b>Outlook</b>
A.M. Best	A	bbb	Stable
Standard & Poor's	A-	BBB	Stable
Moody's	A3	Baa2	Stable

(1) Financial Strength Rating applies to Lancashire Insurance Company Limited and Lancashire Insurance Company (UK) Limited

(2) Long Term Issuer Rating applies to Lancashire Holdings Limited

Lancashire has capital in excess of \$1 billion and its Common Shares trade on the Main Market of the London Stock Exchange under the ticker symbol LRE. Lancashire has its corporate headquarters and mailing address at Level 11, Vitro, 60 Fenchurch Street, London EC3M 4AD, United Kingdom and its registered office at Power House, 7 Par-la-Ville Road, Hamilton HM 11, Bermuda.

For more information on Lancashire, visit the Company's website at [www.lancashiregroup.com](http://www.lancashiregroup.com)

Lancashire Insurance Company Limited is regulated by the Bermuda Monetary Authority in Bermuda. Lancashire Insurance Company (UK) Limited is regulated by the Financial Services Authority in the UK.

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