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Withdrawal of offer for Omega Insurance Holdings Limited (“Omega”)

Further to today’s announcement by Omega, Canopus confirms that it is withdrawing its offer to acquire all of the issued and to be issued share capital of Omega. Canopus submitted a revised offer on 13 October at a higher price than previously indicated and higher than the upper limit of the tender offer by Haverford (Bermuda) Limited (“Haverford”). The consideration offered for Omega was all cash which would have satisfied a majority of shareholders who desired the opportunity for a total cash exit. The largest shareholder in Omega indicated a desire to retain an ongoing participation and was therefore offered the opportunity to reinvest a substantial part of its cash proceeds in stock of the enlarged Canopus Group.

In view of its inability to secure a recommendation from the Board of Omega and the support of its largest shareholder for its offer, Canopus is withdrawing from the process. However, Canopus reserves the right to make or participate in an offer for Omega in the future if there is a material change in circumstances.

Commenting, Michael Watson, Chairman of Canopus, said: “Our revised offer provided increased value and complete certainty for all shareholders – 100% cash, at a higher price than the Haverford offer. At the same time, Invesco Perpetual was offered the opportunity to acquire stock in Canopus Group. We are disappointed not to be able to proceed with our offer and wish Omega and its shareholders all good fortune. Canopus will continue to review strategic opportunities to supplement its successful organic growth.”

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Notes to Editors:

1. Canopus Group Limited is a privately-owned international insurance and reinsurance group with operations in the UK, Bermuda, Singapore, Ireland, Switzerland and Australia. Canopus is owned by management and Bregal Capital LLP, a private equity company.
2. Incorporated in Guernsey, Canopus Group Limited is the parent of Canopus Managing Agents Limited (CMA) at Lloyd's. CMA manages Syndicates 4444 and 260 on behalf of the Group and third parties, with total gross premiums written of c. £635 million for 2010.
3. Canopus Group focuses on the following insurance and reinsurance segments:

Global Insurance:

- Marine and energy
- Global direct and facultative commercial property
- North American excess and surplus lines binding authorities
- Construction and engineering
- Casualty, including international accident & health, professional indemnity, financial institutions and excess casualty
- Crisis management, including product contamination, sabotage & terrorism and kidnap & ransom

Reinsurance

- Treaty reinsurance including property, casualty, engineering and marine
- Structured reinsurance, including aggregate excess of loss, multi-line/multi-year, stop loss

UK Retail Insurance

- UK household
- UK specialist property/ niche personal lines
- UK commercial combined for the SME sector
- UK casualty, including accident & health and professional indemnity
- UK motor including personal, commercial and specialist vehicles