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Enhanced Merger Terms with AXIS Capital

PartnerRe shareholders to receive pre-closing dividend of

\$11.50 per share

Rejects EXOR proposal

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- [] the failure to consummate or delay in consummating the proposed transaction for other reasons;
- [] the timing to consummate the proposed transaction;
- [] the risk that a condition to closing of the proposed transaction may not be satisfied;
- [] the risk that a regulatory approval that may be required for the proposed transaction is delayed, is not obtained, or is obtained subject to conditions that are not anticipated;
- [] AXIS' or PartnerRe's ability to achieve the synergies and value creation contemplated by the proposed

transaction;

[] The ability of either PartnerRe or AXIS to effectively integrate their businesses; and

[] the diversion of management time on transaction -related issues.

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EXOR's Unsolicited Offer

[] On April 14, 2014, EXOR S.p.A ("EXOR") publicly announced a

proposal to acquire PartnerRe

[] All-cash offer of \$130 per PartnerRe common share

[] PartnerRe obtained a waiver from AXIS, enabling it to enter

discussions with EXOR and explore whether this offer could

lead to a superior proposal for PartnerRe shareholders

[] PartnerRe engaged into extensive discussions with EXOR and

carefully evaluated its proposal

[] EXOR made it very clear that \$130 per share is its best offer, and

that it is not willing to move from that position

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EXOR's Offer Significantly Undervalues PartnerRe

[] Implies a negative franchise value when considering:

[] The expected growth in tangible book value until closing; and

[] The strength of PartnerRe's balance sheet / reserve position

[] Proposed structure constitutes a full exit at depressed valuation

levels with no upside

[] Represents 1.04x of projected 12/31/2015 TBVPS (1)

[] No price flexibility by EXOR makes further engagement unproductive

[] EXOR indicated that due diligence would be "confirmatory" only

and there would be no additional price improvement

(1) Tangible book value per share excluding mark-to-market assumption.

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Enhanced Merger Terms with AXIS

- * 100% stock Merger of Equals structured as an amalgamation
- * Shares in PartnerRe and AXIS to convert to new shares in the Amalgamated company at a fixed exchange ratio
- * Preferred shares to remain outstanding as preferred shares of the Amalgamated company
- * Special dividend of \$11.50 per PartnerRe common share paid to shareholders in connection with closing
- * \$11.3 billion pro forma market capitalization (1)
- * AXIS shareholders will receive 1 common share and PartnerRe shareholders will receive 2.18 common shares in the amalgamated company for each share they own
- * Board of Directors to comprise 14 members, consisting of seven AXIS appointees and seven PartnerRe appointees
- * Management teams to reflect balance, leveraging talent from both organizations
- * Customary regulatory approvals (well advanced)
- * PartnerRe and AXIS shareholder approvals
- * Expected close in the third quarter of 2015

(1) Based on PRE and AXS share prices as of [4/13/15], the day prior to receipt of unsolicited offer from EXOR S.p.A. Based on PRE diluted share count of 48.849 million and AXS diluted share count of 102.924 million.

Structure

Pre-closing dividend

Deal Value

Corporate Governance
of Combined Company

Approvals

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Merger of Equals with AXIS is a Tremendous Opportunity for Value Creation to PartnerRe Shareholders

[] Unique opportunity to accelerate the execution of PartnerRe's long-term strategic plan, creating a powerhouse in specialty insurance and reinsurance

[] Ability to enter the attractive primary insurance sector with an established global leader

[] Transformative combination that creates a top 5 global reinsurance franchise

[] Establishes combined company as a significant player in the Life and Accident and Health market

[] Value proposition for PartnerRe shareholders of combined entity under amalgamation structure well in excess of PartnerRe standalone intrinsic value

[] Ability to capture value of operating and capital synergies

[] Access to near-term liquidity through pre-closing dividend

[] Combination with AXIS represents the decision and outcome of a comprehensive strategic review that considered a range of strategic alternatives

Enhanced terms with AXIS make the amalgamation even more compelling to PartnerRe shareholders

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A Combination with AXIS Accelerates Execution of
PartnerRe's Strategic and Financial Objectives

Selected criteria /

Strong strategic
rationale[]_

Meaningful synergies
[]_

Further strengthens
balance sheet and []_
credit profile

Compelling value
creation opportunity
[]_

Transaction structure /
preserving upside[]_

[] Meaningful presence in primary markets

[] Creates a top 5 global reinsurer

[] Leading Life and Health player

[] Over \$200 million in concrete, actionable expense
savings

[] Potential for sizeable capital synergies

[] Low-risk integration given familiarity between
companies

[] Approximately \$13 billion combined shareholders
equity(1)

[] Best-in-class risk management capabilities

[] Accretive to EPS, TBVPS (2) and ROE for PartnerRe
shareholders

[]20%+ EPS accretion by 2017

[] Combined company intrinsic value well in excess of
PartnerRe
standalone

[] PartnerRe shareholders receive special dividend and
participate in
future upside

[] Preserves ability to realize future control premium

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[] Merger of equals results in balanced governance structure

(1) Financial data as of 3/31/15. Excludes expected aggregate amount of pre-closing dividend based on current diluted

PartnerRe share count.

(2) Includes pre-closing dividend.

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Conclusion

[] EXOR's proposal significantly undervalues PartnerRe

[] Enhanced terms with AXIS make the amalgamation even more compelling to PartnerRe shareholders

[] Merger with AXIS provides the opportunity for superior value creation

PartnerRe is committed to the vision of creating a leading global specialty insurance and reinsurance company through a combination with AXIS

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