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Munich American Re Welcomes New Head of Biometric Research

Atlanta, August 24, 2009 — [Munich American Reassurance Company](#), one of the leading life reinsurance companies in the United States, announced the appointment of Dieter S. Gaubatz, FSA, FCIA, MAAA, as Vice President, Biometric Research. Mr. Gaubatz is a part of the newly formed North American Enterprise Risk Management team, reporting to Saskia Goedhart, Chief Risk Officer.



Mr. Gaubatz joins Munich Re from Swiss Re where he was Vice President, Manager and Senior Actuary Products. Mr. Gaubatz is a well known thought leader on mortality and morbidity research. He has led the development of actuarial methods that allow mortality assumptions to be adjusted to reflect different international markets.

Reflecting on the establishment of the new research unit, Ms. Goedhart said, “Advanced research is more and more critical to effective risk management, not just for us, but for our clients. We are determined to be a leader in this area, and to employ leading edge talent and state-of-the-art tools to benefit our customers.” The research team will formulate and apply mathematical models that will help life insurance companies better understand and anticipate trends in mortality, morbidity and policyholder behavior.

“The establishment of this dedicated research unit is consistent with Munich Re’s global focus on bringing additional value to its clients. The new team incorporates existing resources from across Munich Re’s North American life reinsurance businesses under Dieter’s leadership and creates a leading edge mortality and morbidity research team that I am confident, once fully functional and integrated into our business, will assist Munich Re and our clients in managing mortality and morbidity issues and better understanding how their insurance program designs and risk controls should affect their assumptions,” said Mike DeKoning, President & Chief Executive Officer of Munich American Re.

Mr. Gaubatz is a Fellow of the Society of Actuaries, a Fellow of the Canadian Institute of Actuaries and a Member of the American Academy of Actuaries. He is an active and visible member of the actuarial community, serving on the SOA Individual Life Experience Committee and multiple subcommittees of the Preferred Valuation Mortality Study Project. He is a frequent speaker at actuarial conferences.

About Munich American

[Munich American Reassurance Company](#), founded in 1959, is one of the largest reinsurers in the U.S. offering life, disability and long term care reinsurance to insurance companies throughout the United States. The company also writes group, credit and other reinsurance products. Headquartered in Atlanta, with an office in Chicago, Munich American is licensed, accredited or authorized in all fifty states; Washington, D.C.; Guam; and Puerto Rico. The company is a member of the [Munich Re Group](#) which operates in all lines of business, with around 37,000 employees at over 50 locations throughout the world. With 2008 premium income of €21.8bn from reinsurance alone, it is one of the world's leading reinsurers.

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