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**CATLIN CANADA APPOINTS DAVID HUEBEL
AS CHIEF UNDERWRITING OFFICER**

TORONTO – Catlin Canada Inc., the Canadian operating unit of Catlin Group Limited, announces that David Huebel will join the company on January 5, 2009, as Chief Underwriting Officer.

David, who will be based in the Toronto office, will be responsible for the implementation and execution of the Catlin Group's underwriting plan for all lines of business across Canada. He will work closely with the individual underwriting teams in the development of the existing portfolios as well as investigating the potential for new areas of business.

He will also sit on the National Executive Committee, which has the responsibility for the overall strategic direction of the Canadian operation.

Mike Hansen, President of Catlin Canada, said:

“We are delighted to be able to secure the services of someone of David's calibre in this key role. The potential for the development of the Canadian operation is enormous. We have already made great progress in establishing Catlin as a true domestic specialty carrier, and I look forward to working closely with David as we expand our existing product lines and continue to seek new opportunities to grow our business.”

David joins Catlin from GCAN where he was most recently President & CEO.

Further information about Catlin Canada is available at www.catlincanada.com. More information about Catlin Group Limited can be found at www.catlin.com.

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Notes to editors:

1. Catlin Group Limited, headquartered in Bermuda, is an international specialist property/casualty insurer and reinsurer writing more than 30 classes of business worldwide through four underwriting platforms and an international network of offices. Gross premiums written in 2007 exceeded US\$3.3 billion. Catlin shares are traded on the London Stock Exchange (ticker symbol: CGL). More information about Catlin can be found at www.catlin.com.
2. Catlin's four underwriting platforms are:
 - The **Catlin Syndicate** at Lloyd's of London (Syndicate 2003), which is a recognised leader of numerous classes of specialty insurance and reinsurance. The Catlin Syndicate is the largest at Lloyd's in 2008 based on premium capacity of £1.25 billion.
 - **Catlin Bermuda** (Catlin Insurance Company Ltd.), which is a leading participant in the Bermuda market, underwriting a diversified portfolio of property treaty, casualty treaty, political risk and terrorism, and structured risk coverages.
 - **Catlin UK** (Catlin Insurance Company (UK) Ltd.), which specialises in underwriting commercial non-life insurance for UK clients through a network of regional offices. In addition, Catlin UK underwrites other classes of commercial business which are also written by the Catlin Syndicate.
 - **Catlin US**, which encompasses Catlin's operations based in the United States. Catlin US underwrites a wide variety of specialty property/casualty insurance and reinsurance products from a network of offices throughout the U.S. Catlin US includes Catlin Insurance Company Inc. and Catlin Specialty Insurance Company Inc.

3. Catlin's international network of offices allows the Group to diversify further its risk portfolio and to work more closely with local policyholders and brokers. Besides its offices in the UK, US and Bermuda, Catlin operates offices in Canada (Toronto and Calgary), Australia, Singapore, Malaysia, Hong Kong, China, Japan, Guernsey, Germany, Belgium, France, Spain, Italy, Switzerland, Austria and Brazil.
4. Catlin Group Limited is the title sponsor of the **Catlin Arctic Survey**, a major scientific expedition to measure the thickness and density of the permanent ice surrounding the North Pole. The project's aim is to determine, with a much greater degree of accuracy, when this ice could disappear as a result of global warming. The Survey, during which three Arctic explorers will trek on foot 1,300 kilometres to the North Pole, will begin in late February 2009. More information is available at www.catlinarcticsurvey.com.