Gard appoints new Managing Director for London office

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Gard announced today that André Kroneberg has been appointed as Managing Director of the London office, replacing Bjørnar Andresen who is moving to Arendal as Head of Underwriting.

André joined Gard in December 2005 as a P&I underwriter in the Offshore team and, until 2009, focussed on offshore, charterers, owners P&I and product development, working in the Norwegian, African, Middle Eastern, Russian and Indian markets. He was then promoted to head up the product development team, offering product advice and development, reinsurance support, process improvement, sales support, training of underwriters etc.

Svein Buvik, Acting CEO of Gard commented "London is an important insurance market – particularly for marine and energy products – and our office there is key to our participation in it. We are delighted to appoint André to this significant role and, with his underwriting background and deep market knowledge, I believe he will be able to take our presence there to the next level."

Notes to Editors

André Kroneberg has a PhD from the Norwegian University of Science and Technology which included a six month stay at Stanford Research Institute and case work for Wallenius Wilhelmsen Lines, Statoil and The Norwegian Oil and Energy Department. Prior to joining Gard, he worked for 10 years in the shipping and offshore industry as a researcher and senior consultant on topics related to strategy and business development.

Gard is a shipowner-controlled provider of P&I, marine and energy insurance products, with gross written premium in 2012 of USD 884 million and total assets of USD 2.5 billion. Gard employs 450 staff in 13 offices around the world.

All insurance operating entities within the Gard group; Gard P&I (Bermuda) Limited, Assuranceforeningen Gard, Gard Marine & Energy Limited and Gard Marine & Energy Forsäkring AB are rated 'A+' (stable) by Standard & Poor's.

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