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RSA APPOINTS GEAREY TO HEAD UP COMMERCIAL RISK SOLUTIONS

RSA, one of the largest UK commercial insurers, has appointed James Gearey as managing director for Commercial Risk Solutions from 5 June 2017, subject to regulatory approvals.

James has spent the past nine years at Siemens Financial Services, most recently as chief executive, Commercial Finance UK and Nordics, where he led the integration of the UK and Nordic businesses, centralising operations, harmonising processes and introducing common systems. Before that, he was managing director of Commercial Finance UK at Siemens after joining from Aviva UK where he was director of partnerships in the general insurance business.

At RSA, James will report to Steve Lewis, UK & International CEO. He takes over the role at RSA from Jim Reeve, who has held the position of interim MD of CRS since November 2016, when a new structure for commercial lines operations in the UK & International was put in place. Jim joined RSA as sales & distribution director in January 2015 and subsequently led the development of a unifying vision and purpose for CRS, which has been rolled out to 700 people in the first quarter of this year. Jim leaves RSA at the end of June to pursue new opportunities.

Steve Lewis, UK & International CEO at RSA, said: “James is joining our newly created CRS business with a remit to enhance our operating and distribution effectiveness. He brings strong leadership and an impressive track record in managing commercial relationships and developing distribution channels, and I’m pleased to welcome him to RSA.

“I would like to take this opportunity to thank Jim Reeve for his tremendous work during the past two years at RSA and in particular for his leadership of the CRS team since November. I wish him the very best for the future.”

James said: “I’m delighted to be joining CRS at this time, when it is early in its development having established a firm footing and with great teams in place. CRS is well-positioned to grow in a challenging market, with a strong underwriting proposition, and products and services that meet the needs of customers and brokers, and of course much scope to enhance and grow our offering.”

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Notes to editors:**James Gearey biography**

- 2009-Present: Chief Executive, Commercial Finance UK and Nordics, Siemens Financial Services
- 2008-2009: Managing Director, Commercial Finance UK, Siemens Financial Services
- 2006-2008: Director of Partnerships, Aviva UK
- 2002-2006: Various leadership roles at General Electric including GE Money Partnership Services & GE Insurance Solutions,
- 2000-2001: Senior Consultant, Accenture
- 1993-1999: Sales Executive and Manager, Nichimen Europe

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About RSA Insurance Group plc

With a 300-year heritage, RSA is a multinational quoted insurance group. Focusing on general insurance, RSA's core markets are the UK & Ireland, Scandinavia and Canada, with the capability to write insurance business in over 100 countries. RSA's core businesses have around 13,500 employees with net written premiums of £6.3bn in 2016.