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APPOINTMENT OF MANAGING DIRECTOR, JARDINE LLOYD THOMPSON ASIA

Singapore, 15 January 2008 – Jardine Lloyd Thompson (JLT) Asia has appointed Warren Merritt, formerly Chief Executive Officer of JLT Australia Pty Ltd (Western Australia) and Managing Director of the Natural Resources & Construction practice in Australia, to the position of Managing Director. In this capacity, Warren will have responsibility for JLT's Asia businesses.

Warren takes over from Mike Methley, who has led the regional business since 2001. During this period, JLT in Asia doubled its revenue and profits, grew its geographic footprint and significantly diversified its product and service portfolio. Mike will be relocating to the JLT Group head office in London.

“It has been my privilege to lead JLT Asia for the past seven years and I am tremendously optimistic of its future under the leadership of Warren,” Mike Methley said. He added: “Warren’s wide international experience, coupled with his exceptional track record in client service and delivering according to client needs will be greatly valued in Asia.”

Warren began his career in 1981 with the State Government Insurance Office in Perth, Western Australia. In 1984, he joined Australian Insurance Brokers (AIB) focusing on the Construction and Mining Businesses. AIB subsequently merged with Jardine Insurance Brokers to form Jardine Australian Insurance Brokers (JAIB).

In 1987 Warren was seconded to Jardine Insurance Brokers International – London (JIBIL), continuing his focus on Energy and Construction. He returned to JAIB in 1989 and took over the Natural Resource and Construction portfolios in Sydney. Warren rejoined JIBIL in 1995, tasked with the specific responsibility of managing the insurance requirements of UK conglomerate Trafalgar House. When Trafalgar House was acquired by Kvaerner, he played



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an instrumental role in JIBIL being appointed to the whole account of the expanded Kvaerner.

Since 2000, Warren has been with JLT in Perth, running its retail operations and the Natural Resources and Construction specialist practise across Australia.

Warren Merritt said: "Asia is becoming a focal point for the insurance industry. The diversity of this region, growing maturity in insurance and risk management knowledge, evolving legal and geopolitical environments, along with potential for future growth make this a very exciting market. I am delighted to lead such an experienced and skilled team of professionals."

About Jardine Lloyd Thompson Asia

Jardine Lloyd Thompson (JLT) Asia, a wholly owned subsidiary of the Jardine Lloyd Thompson Group, is a market leader in insurance & reinsurance broking, risk management and consultancy services. Employing over 600 industry professionals across 12 territories in the region, JLT Asia's technical abilities and knowledge span a wide range of industries and specialist areas. Our insurance professionals are renowned for their innovative approach to developing integrated insurance, reinsurance and alternative risk transfer solutions that address the complex risks inherent in Asia.

Integrity is a hallmark of the JLT organisation. We believe that our quality and compliance regimes are the most thorough in the industry. You can obtain more information about JLT Asia at: www.jltasia.com

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