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### **JARDINE LLOYD THOMPSON STRENGTHENS ASIA-PACIFIC CREDIT, POLITICAL AND SECURITY RISK TEAM**

*Senior appointment reinforces long-standing commitment in Asia and  
enables the market to meet increased industry demands*

**Singapore, 14 May 2008** – Jardine Lloyd Thompson (JLT) today announces the appointment of Matthew Strong as Director, Capital Risks, Asia. The appointment reinforces JLT's long-standing commitment to the Asian market and underlines the increasing importance that businesses place on understanding and preparing for political, credit and security risks associated with foreign investment and trade.

Based in Singapore and working closely with the teams in Hong Kong, Tokyo and Sydney, Matthew will take direct responsibility for developing and leading credit, political and security risk operations throughout Asia Pacific. A key part of this role will include enhancing country and credit risk analysis capabilities for corporate clients and supporting existing relationships with the Asian financial community as they seek to meet the increasing demands of Basel II.

“With over fifteen years broking insurance and having worked on some of the most significant assignments within this area of the market, Matthew’s move from London to Singapore marks a significant milestone for the business,” said Nick Robson, Head of Credit, Political and Security Risk, Jardine Lloyd Thompson. “Matthew will strengthen existing relationships in the region and help maintain and build our international risk practice. He is well known for his commitment to delivery of the highest quality service, technical capability and commercial acumen - all critical factors for our client base in Asia. I know Matthew will be very effective in his new post and wish him every success.”

Matthew added: “Today companies in this region, and their investors and lenders, are leading FDI and trade growth throughout the world, particularly within the emerging markets. This activity is taking place against heightened risk challenges including, the rise of resource



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nationalism, a marked increase in credit risk in many parts of the world, significant changes in regulatory oversight and a general increase in political risk volatility. In this environment there is a real need to deliver credible credit and political risk advice, analysis and where appropriate mitigation, to secure growth and adequately balance risk with return. JLT is a leader in this area and continues to enhance its service offering to anticipate future market demand. I look forward to working closely with new and existing clients, as we develop products and services for the Asian business community.”

Matthew has already worked on some of the most significant insurance programmes in this area of the market. As part of his new role, Matthew is expected to devote additional capacity to the development and utility of the World Risk Review, a comprehensive political risk assessment tool that was launched at Chatham House on 30<sup>th</sup> October 2007. Evaluating 197 countries using nine perils and 53 sources of independent data, the regularly updated assessment model is believed to be the most comprehensive and balanced risk ratings tool of its type.

### **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 major territories in the region, JLT Asia's technical abilities and knowledge span a wide range of industries and specialist areas. Our insurance specialists 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](http://www.jltasia.com)

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