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# WOMEN IN REINSURANCE (WIRE) CELEBRATES A SUCCESSFUL INAUGURAL YEAR AT YEAR-END NETWORKING EVENT

Wednesday, 7 December 2016 – The Singapore Reinsurers' Association (SRA) launched a sub-committee – Women in Reinsurance (WiRE) - in September to support women in the reinsurance industry. Its main focus in the first year has been to build the community and provide networking opportunities. Since its official launch event in September, WiRE hosted a TED-style talk with businesswomen sharing their personal experiences on how diversity had played a significant part in their journey in becoming an entrepreneur. To cap off an eventful year, WiRE hosted its third event of the year - a year-end and networking event – on Tuesday evening, which was attended by over 50 industry professionals.



WiRE Sub-Committee Member, Anna Kohls and Event Sponsor, Kenrick Law of Allianz Re welcoming guests to the Networking event.

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"At our launch event, we asked the WiRE community to vote for the activity that would most interest them and keep them actively involved with WiRE. Networking was the number one priority by far for most respondents, and we have taken their feedback seriously", states Anna Kohls, a WiRE Sub-Committee member. Expanding one's network was the theme for the event, and making new connections was incentivised by prizes for the best networkers of the night.

Kenrick Law, an SRA Executive Committee member and Regional CEO and Head of P&C Client Management Asia Pacific at Allianz Re, which was sponsor for the event, said "We are pleased to see the achievements made by WiRE in its first year. Their plans for 2017 are a compelling offering for our talented women in the industry".

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### **Note to Editors:**

# About the Women in Reinsurance (WiRE)

The Women in Reinsurance (WiRE) Singapore is an affiliate of the Sydney Chapter of WiRE, and was officially launched in September 2016 as a Sub-Committee of the Singapore Reinsurers' Association (SRA), with its own charter and Sub-Committee members selected from various SRA member companies.

WiRE aims to offer support to women in the reinsurance industry through networking, knowledge sharing and mentoring activities. WiRE recognises the business benefits of having a diverse workforce at all levels and aims to actively encourage women to develop their careers to their full potential. Its activities are targeted towards personal and professional development with the aim of helping to facilitate the fulfilment of career objectives.

## About the Singapore Reinsurers' Association

Established in 1979, the key objectives of the Singapore Reinsurers' Association (SRA) are to represent members in matters affecting their business interests; to facilitate dialogue and encourage healthy market competition; to promote professional excellence through education and training; and to foster strong social bonds within the industry and beyond.

As at 30 November 2016, the SRA has a total membership of 54, comprising 33 Ordinary, 17 Associate, 2 Affiliate and 2 Honorary members. All major non-life reinsurance companies with a presence in Singapore, as well as some direct insurance companies that write a substantial reinsurance portfolio are Ordinary members of the SRA. In addition, several major reinsurance broking firms as well as some regional reinsurers are Associate members.

For more information, please visit the SRA website at: <a href="www.sg-reinsurers.org.sg">www.sg-reinsurers.org.sg</a>.

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