



# Allianz Global Corporate & Specialty

## Press Release

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## Allianz Risk Transfer, Nephila Capital announce additional capacity for 2009 wind season

**Hamilton, Bermuda, May 11, 2009.** Allianz Risk Transfer and Nephila Capital today announced that they have finalized agreements with two investor groups to bring US\$200 million of new risk capacity to the natural catastrophe property reinsurance market.

The first investor group has capitalized a new company, which will be managed by Nautical Management Limited (Nautical), a joint venture of the Allianz Risk Transfer Group (ART) and Nephila Capital Limited (Nephila). Nautical was established in 2007 to provide insurance management services to this and other dedicated natural catastrophe reinsurers such as Prism Re.

Nephila separately announced an additional investment in one of its funds by an existing investor group seeking exposure to the same portfolio of risks. ART, Nephila and Nautical will provide portfolio risk selection, underwriting, claims management and reporting services to both investor groups.

The new vehicle "will bring additional risk capacity on-line just as the June 1 renewal season is getting underway," said Bill Guffey, chief underwriting officer of ART, "capacity which is in great demand given the current economic environment."

"We have longstanding relationships with both ART and this investor group, and are delighted to be able to strengthen both relationships while providing additional capacity to the market," said Frank Majors, portfolio manager at Nephila.

### Allianz Risk Transfer

The Allianz Risk Transfer Group was founded in 1997 as the center of competence for the alternative risk transfer business within the Allianz Group. As part of Allianz Global Corporate & Specialty, the industrial arm of the Allianz Group, ART provides industrial, financial and insurance companies worldwide with innovative solutions in the management of insurance risks. ART's Insurance Linked Markets group develops convergence-themed products and services for (re)insurers and investors.

### Nephila Capital Limited

Nephila is a leading investment manager specializing in the reinsurance industry with multiple investment products dedicated to investing in instruments such as insurance-linked securities, catastrophe bonds, insurance swaps, and weather derivatives. The company has been managing institutional assets in the insurance-linked securities market since its formation in 1998. In June 2008, Man Group plc, a leading alternative investment management firm, acquired a 25 percent interest in Nephila Capital.

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