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**Markel CATCo Announces Commencement of Schemes of Arrangement for Investors in Markel CATCo Reinsurance Fund Ltd. and CATCo Reinsurance Opportunities Fund Ltd.**

London 28 October 2021 – Further to its announcement on 26 October 2021, Markel CATCo Investment Management Ltd. (MCIM) is pleased to announce that Markel CATCo Reinsurance Fund Ltd. (provisional liquidators appointed) (the Private Fund) and CATCo Reinsurance Opportunities Fund Ltd. (provisional liquidators appointed) (the Public Fund, together with the Private Fund, the Funds) have now issued a joint Practice Direction Letter and commenced schemes of arrangement in Bermuda (Schemes) to implement the Buy-Out Transaction announced on 27 September 2021. The Practice Direction Letter provides information regarding the schemes of arrangement, and the Funds are mailing electronic or hard copies of the letter to all investors. The Practice Direction Letter is also available on the transaction website: <https://catcobuyout.alixpartners.com>. Further notice will be provided when a hearing is scheduled to consider the commencement of the Schemes and convening of Scheme meetings.

The person responsible for arranging release of this announcement is: Judith Wynne, Assistant Secretary to the Public Fund.

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