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### CATCO REINSURANCE OPPORTUNITIES FUND LIMITED

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#### **Markel CATCo Announces Improvements to Buy-Out Transaction and Settlement of Challenges brought against the Proposed Schemes of Markel CATCo Reinsurance Fund Ltd. and CATCo Reinsurance Opportunities Fund Ltd.**

London, 4 February, 2022 - Markel CATCo Investment Management Ltd. (provisional liquidators appointed) today announced an improvement to the proposed terms of the previously announced Buy-Out Transaction.

As previously announced, Markel CATCo Reinsurance Fund Ltd. (provisional liquidators appointed) (the Private Fund) and CATCo Reinsurance Opportunities Fund Ltd. (provisional liquidators appointed) (the Public Fund) have proposed Schemes of Arrangement before the Supreme Court of Bermuda to implement a Buy-Out Transaction facilitated by Markel Corporation. Applications to the court to convene meetings of investors in respect of the schemes were opposed by certain investors holding less than 5% of the Net Asset Value of the Private Fund at a hearing in December 2021, and the Court has not yet ruled on the matter.

In the meantime, Markel Corporation and MCIM have engaged in further negotiations with the opposing investors and have reached a settlement that will improve the terms of the currently proposed Buy-Out Transaction, and result in the opposing investors withdrawing their objections to the schemes and withdrawing litigation that they commenced in courts in the United States. In connection with the settlement the Additional Consideration payable to all Private Fund and Public Fund investors under the Buy-Out Transaction will be increased, and Markel Corporation will pay the full amount of the transaction costs in respect of the Buy-Out Transaction. The settlement will not reduce recoveries that would otherwise be available to investors in the Private Fund or the Public Fund pursuant to the Buy-Out Transaction as previously announced.

Under the improved terms, Public Fund Investors holding:

- Ordinary Shares will receive an estimated accelerated return of approximately \$0.331 per Ordinary Share (plus the applicable consent fee for investors that have entered into Support Undertakings in relation to the Buy-Out Transaction), an increase of 1.63% compared to the accelerated return under the previously announced transaction terms (in each case based on NAV as of 30 November 2021).
- C Shares will receive an estimated accelerated return of approximately \$0.579 per C Share (plus the applicable consent fee for investors that have entered into Support Undertakings in relation to the Buy-Out Transaction), an increase of 1.24% compared to the accelerated return under the previously announced transaction terms (in each case based on NAV as of 30 November 2021).

The Private Fund is today contacting investors that have entered into Support Undertakings to request consent to amend the Support Undertakings so as to approve the proposed amendments, facilitate the settlement with the opposing investors, and extend the expiry of the Support Undertakings to 31 March 2022. A term sheet with the details of the proposed amendments will be posted to the transaction website at <https://catcobuyout.alixpartners.com>. A further announcement will be made upon the requisite majority of supporting investors providing consent and the amendments becoming effective.

Capitalised terms used but not defined in this announcement have the meaning given to them in the Practice Direction Letter. The Practice Direction Letter and other details of the Schemes are available on the transaction

website at <https://catcobuyout.alixpartners.com>.

The person responsible for arranging release of this announcement is: Mark Way, Chief of Investor Marketing, Markel CATCo Investment Management Ltd.

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Copies of this announcement and any formal documentation relating to the Buy-Out Transaction are not being, and must not be, directly or indirectly, mailed or otherwise forwarded, distributed or sent in or into or from any Restricted Jurisdiction or any jurisdiction where to do so would constitute a violation of the laws of such jurisdiction and persons receiving such documents (including custodians, nominees and trustees) must not mail or otherwise forward, distribute or send them in or into or from any Restricted Jurisdiction. Doing so may render invalid any related purported vote in respect of the Buy-Out Transaction (or the related Schemes). Certain of the statements in this announcement or (and any related oral statements) may be considered forward-looking statements

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There are a number of factors that could cause actual results and developments to differ materially from those expressed or implied by such forward-looking statements. These factors include, but are not limited to: the ability to complete the Buy-Out Transaction; the ability to obtain requisite regulatory and other required approvals and the satisfaction of other conditions on the proposed terms and schedule; as future market conditions, changes in general economic and business conditions, the behaviour of other market participants, the anticipated benefits from the proposed transaction not being realised as a result of changes in general economic and market conditions in the countries in which the Funds operate, weak, volatile or illiquid capital and/or credit markets, changes in tax rates, interest rate and currency value fluctuations, the degree of competition in the geographic and business areas in which the Funds operate and changes in laws or in supervisory expectations or requirements.

Other unknown or unpredictable factors could cause actual results to differ materially from those in the forward-looking statements. Such forward-looking statements should therefore be construed in the light of such

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