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### CATCO REINSURANCE OPPORTUNITIES FUND LIMITED

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### **Markel CATCo Provides Update on Buy-Out Transaction and Announces Notice of Filing and Hearing on the Motion for Entry of an Order Giving Full Force and Effect to Bermuda Schemes in United States Bankruptcy Court**

London, 24 February 2022 - Further to previous announcements regarding the Buy-Out Transaction to be implemented pursuant to schemes of arrangement (the Schemes) proposed by Markel CATCo Reinsurance Fund Ltd. (provisional liquidators appointed for restructuring purposes) (the Private Fund) and CATCo Reinsurance Opportunities Fund Ltd. (provisional liquidators appointed for restructuring purposes) (together with the Private Fund, the Funds), Markel CATCo Investment Management Ltd (provisional liquidators appointed for restructuring purposes) is providing an update on the implementation of the Schemes and the Buy-Out Transaction.

#### **Scheme Meetings**

On 18 February 2022 the Funds published Notices of Scheme Meetings to be held on 4 March 2022 in respect of the Schemes to implement the Buy-Out Transaction.

The deadline for Scheme Creditors to submit voting instructions in respect of the Scheme Meetings is 2 p.m. (Bermuda) on 1 March 2022.

All investors are encouraged to review the Notices of Meetings and Explanatory Statement, which are available on the Buy-Out Transaction website (<https://catcobuyout.alixpartners.com>), and to submit voting instructions in respect of the Schemes. Investors that have given Investor Undertakings to support the Buy-Out Transaction are reminded that they are required to vote to approve the Schemes in order to receive the Early Consent Fee.

#### **Chapter 15 Filing**

In connection with the Buy-Out Transaction and as described in the Explanatory Statement, the Scheme Companies will seek recognition and enforcement of the Schemes in the United States as a condition precedent to completion of the Buy-Out Transaction. As more fully described below, MCIM is giving notice of the filing of a motion in the U.S. Bankruptcy Court requesting recognition and enforcement and the applicable dates in respect of such motion.

#### **Notice**

On February 23, 2022, Simon Appell of AlixPartners UK LLP and John C. McKenna of Finance & Risk Services Ltd., in their capacities as the joint provisional liquidators and as the authorized foreign representatives (the "JPLs") filed the *Motion for Entry of an Order Giving Full Force and Effect to Bermuda Schemes of Arrangement* (the "Motion") for relief under chapter 15 of title 11 of the United States Code for the CATCo Reinsurance Opportunities Fund Ltd., Markel CATCo Reinsurance Fund Ltd., Markel CATCo Investment Management Ltd. and Markel CATCo Re Ltd. (the "CATCo Group Companies") with the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of New York (the "U.S. Bankruptcy Court").

The Motion requests entry of an order that (i) grants full force and effect to the Schemes, including the security and releases, within the territorial jurisdiction of the United States; (ii) issues a permanent injunction enjoining actions that (a) would interfere with or impede the administration, implementation, and/or consummation of the Schemes and the Sanction Orders or (b) are inconsistent with the Schemes and the Sanction Orders; and

granting related relief; and (iii) grants other and further relief as the Court deems just and proper.

The U.S. Bankruptcy Court has scheduled an evidentiary hearing to consider the relief requested in the Motion for March 16, 2022, at 10:00 a.m. (New York time) (the "Enforcement Hearing") before the Honorable Lisa G. Beckerman, United States Bankruptcy Judge for the Southern District of New York, at the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of New York, Courtroom 601, One Bowling Green, New York, New York 10004. The hearing will be conducted remotely using Zoom for Government.

Any party-in-interest wishing to submit a response or objection to the motion or the relief requested therein must do so in accordance with the Bankruptcy Code, the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure, and the Local Rules for the Bankruptcy Court, and such response must be received by no later than March 9, 2022, at 4:00 p.m. (New York time) and filed electronically with the U.S Bankruptcy Court on the Court's electronic case filing system in accordance with and except as provided in General Order M-399 and served upon (i) the Foreign Representatives' counsel, Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP, One Manhattan West, New York, New York 10001 (Attn: Lisa Laukitis) and 155 N. Wacker Drive, Chicago, Illinois 60606 (Attn: Justin M. Winerman and Anthony R. Joseph) and Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom (UK) LLP, 40 Bank Street, Canary Wharf, London, E14 5DS (Attn: Peter Newman and Kathlene M. Burke); and (ii) the Office of the United States Trustee, U.S. Federal Office Building, 201 Varick Street, Suite 1006, New York, New York 10014, so as to be **received by 4:00 p.m. (prevailing Eastern Time) on March 9, 2022**, with a courtesy copy served upon the Chambers of the Honorable Lisa G. Beckerman, United States Bankruptcy Judge, United States Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of New York, One Bowling Green, New York, New York 10004-1408.

Any party-in-interest opposed to the motion or the relief requested therein must appear at the hearing. As noted above, the hearing will be conducted remotely using Zoom for Government. Any parties wishing to appear at the Enforcement Hearing must follow the procedures set forth in the *Protocol for Judge Beckerman's Hearing Being Held by Zoom Video on March 16, 2021*, attached to the Notice of the Hearing as **Exhibit A**, which was filed on the Chapter 15 docket.

Copies of the motion and all accompanying documentation may be obtained by parties-in-interest on the U.S. Bankruptcy Court's Electronic Case Filing System, which can be accessed from the U.S. Bankruptcy Court's website at <http://www.nysb.uscourts.gov> (a PACER login and password are required to retrieve a document), on the buy-out transaction website at <https://catcobuyout.alixpartners.com>, or upon written request to the CATCo Group Companies' attorneys addressed to:

Skadden Arps, Slate, Meagher and Flom LLP, One Manhattan West, New York, New York 10001, USA  
(Attn: Lisa Laukitis)

or

Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP, 155 N. Wacker Drive, Chicago, Illinois 60606, USA (Attn: Justin M. Winerman and Anthony R. Joseph)

or

Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom (UK) LLP, 40 Bank Street, Canary Wharf, London, E14 5DS, UK  
(Attn: Peter Newman).

Notices and other information regarding the Scheme Meetings and the Buy-Out Transaction are available on the Scheme Website at <https://catcobuyout.alixpartners.com>.

Any questions relating to the voting and/or attendance at the Scheme Meetings should be sent via email to: [catcobuyout@alixpartners.com](mailto:catcobuyout@alixpartners.com).

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