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Company Announcement pursuant to the Listing Rules of the Malta Financial Services Authority

The following is a Company Announcement issued by Middlesea Insurance p.l.c., pursuant to the Listing Rules of the Malta Financial Services Authority.

Quote:

Middlesea Insurance plc announces that, subject to the approval of the extraordinary and ordinary resolutions at the forthcoming extraordinary general meeting of the Company to be held on Friday 20 November 2009 and subject to the necessary regulatory and Board approvals, an offer to subscribe to new Ordinary Shares of a nominal value of €0.60 (sixty eurocents) will be made to those shareholders on the Register at the Central Securities Depository of the Malta Stock Exchange as at the 12 November 2009 (the 'Record Date') as already announced on the 6 November 2009. The Rights Share Issue of 67,000,000 new Ordinary Shares will be offered in the following ratio:-

**2.68 New Shares for every 1 existing share
(rounded up or down to the nearest share)
at an offer price of €0.60 per share**

The relevant Prospectus, which has been approved by the Listing Authority, will be published on 20 November 2009.

The three main institutional shareholders, namely Bank of Valletta, Mapfre Internacional and Munich Re have given their commitment to subscribe to their proportional entitlement.



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Bank of Valletta and Mapfre Internacional have also agreed to give their commitment to take any New Ordinary Shares not taken up by other shareholders thus ensuring a 100% take-up of the Rights Share Issue.

The Rights Share Issue will raise a total of €40,200,000.

Shareholders on the Register on the Record Date will be entitled to:-

- a) Receive the Rights Share Issue documentation; and
- b) Participate in the offer which, subject to the necessary approvals, from the Competent Authorities will open on the 30 November and close on the 14 December 2009.

The new Ordinary Shares are expected to be admitted to Listing during the last week of December 2009. The new Ordinary Shares will rank *pari passu* with the existing ordinary shares in respect of all voting, dividend and/or interest rights.

Unquote:

By Order of the Board



Carlo Farrugia
Company Secretary