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© 2015. PartnerRe and Axis Capital. All rights reserved. Proprietary. 2 Enhanced Merger Terms \$17.50 Pre - Closing Dividend Enhanced Preferred Offer Enhanced Closing Certainty Other Increased one - time extraordinary cash dividend to \$17.50 1 per common share payable to PartnerRe common shareholders immediately prior to closing — \$6.00 increase from prior \$11.50 dividend Exchange offer to PartnerRe preferred stockholders, contingent on obtaining favorable IRS ruling Enhanced terms: — 100bps dividend increase — Call protection to the later of January 1, 2021 or five years after issuance Merger no longer conditioned on the absence of a three notch rating downgrade from A.M. Best to A - Transaction remains on track to close in 3Q15 Exchange ratio, pro forma ownership and corporate governance to remain unchanged Shareholder meetings to be held on August 7, 2015 (1) A portion of the funds allocated to previously announced share repurchases will be used to fund the increase in the special dividend . Commitment to delivering superior value to our shareholders

© 2015. PartnerRe and Axis Capital. All rights reserved. Proprietary. 3 Reaffirming the Strategic and Financial Rationale of the Merger — Global insurance/reinsurance powerhouse built to perform through secular and cyclical change — Strengthened positioning expands business opportunities — “Go - to” market for profitable business opportunities — Diversified, less volatile, capital efficient business — Combination drives superior and stable value creation — Active portfolio management and high degree of diversification support superior returns and lower volatility — Improved capital efficiency; meaningful third party capital management pre - tax income of ~\$ 60mm by 2017 — Superior and sustainable approach to capital management — At least \$200 million in identifiable and actionable expense savings — Incremental growth opportunities with pre - tax income by 2017 of ~\$65mm — Transaction is accretive to operating earnings and ROE in year one, achieving double - digit EPS accretion and a double - digit ROE by 2017 — Ability to accelerate franchise productivity to solidify leadership in key markets — Specialty expertise across the organization — Untapped growth in all segments — Significant management experience with third party capital — Attractive entry point for investors seeking superior value creation

© 2015. PartnerRe and Axis Capital. All rights reserved. Proprietary. 4 Attractive Financial Profile Rating Agencies Capital Management EPS ROE Capital return plans for combined company previously reviewed and approved by rating agencies Funding of incremental special dividend from previously approved capital return plans Continued commitment to return of capital — Over \$450mm expected to be returned to combined company shareholders immediately after closing — In addition, ~\$2.4bn of buybacks and dividends expected through year - end 2017 – equivalent to 100% of operating earnings Transaction is accretive to operating earnings and ROE in year one, achieving double - digit EPS accretion and a double - digit ROE by 2017 Significant enhancement to operating ROE ~12% ROE by 2017 1 High quality ROE — Additional risk - free income along with 3 substantial platforms expected to result in lower earnings and balance sheet volatility (1) Represents post - merger effects on operating ROE including, among other transaction assumptions, i ) \$200mm of synergies, phased in 50% in 2016 and 100% in 2017 as per S - 4 filed on 6/1/2015 assuming a pro forma tax rate of 16.0%; 2) return of 100% of operating earnings, plus return of ~\$457mm immediately post - closing; iii) over \$60mm of pre - tax income from third - party capital vehicles in 2017; iv) incremental ~\$46mm of insurance pre - tax underwriting income in 2017; and v) \$20mm of Life and A&H pre - tax underwriting income in 2017 .

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- the failure to consummate or delay in consummating the proposed transaction for other reasons ;
- the timing to consummate the proposed transaction ;
- the risk that a condition to closing of the proposed transaction may not be satisfied ;
- the risk that a regulatory approval that may be required for the proposed transaction is delayed, is not obtained, or is obtained subject to conditions that are not anticipated ;
- AXIS’ or PartnerRe’s ability to achieve the synergies and value creation contemplated by the proposed transaction ;
- the ability of either PartnerRe or AXIS to effectively integrate their businesses ; and
- the diversion of management time on transaction - related issues .

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