

Jeff Poulin appointed to lead Canada Life Reinsurance

Blue Bell, PA, May 8, 2017. . . After spending the last 5 years as Head of Canada Life Reinsurance and close to 20 years with Canada Life – part of the Great-West Lifeco group of companies -- John Occleshaw has recently decided to take a career break. John has made a great impact on Canada Life Reinsurance in the last 5 years, closing a number of significant reinsurance transactions and growing its earnings to CAD\$300 million per year.

John will continue to play a role within the Great-West group during this break, helping out on ad hoc projects as the need arises and continuing to serve as a director of various companies within the group.

Jeff Poulin has been appointed to lead the Reinsurance Division, taking the position of Executive Vice-President, Reinsurance. Jeff joined the organization nearly 30 years ago, and over the last 25 years has played a pivotal role in growing the Reinsurance business from a small start-up to the significant operation that it is today. Jeff will continue to be based in Blue Bell, Pennsylvania just outside of Philadelphia, where the U.S. Reinsurance Division is based. Jeff will start in the new role on June 1, 2017.

John Occleshaw commented: “It has been an absolute pleasure to lead Canada Life’s Reinsurance team for the last five years. I’ve had the opportunity to work with our dedicated and knowledgeable Reinsurance team, and also our clients – insurance companies around the globe – helping them address interesting issues. I am delighted to be handing over to Jeff, and I know that he and the rest of the team are well equipped to continue to support our clients as we continue to navigate through the ever-changing landscape within the global insurance industry.”

Derek Popkes has been appointed to the new role of Chief Operating Officer, Reinsurance. Derek has been with the Great-West Lifeco group for more than 20 years, including 12 years at Canada Life Reinsurance, ultimately leading the European Reinsurance business. Over the last five years, Derek has served as the Chief Risk Officer for the European and Reinsurance operations.

Derek will report to Jeff and assumes responsibility for pricing, marketing and client management across the global Reinsurance business. He will focus on the continued development of new solutions and new markets for the Reinsurance Division. Derek will continue to be based in Dublin.

“John has built a strong foundation, and I’m looking forward to working with Derek and the rest of our team to continue the successful growth of our Reinsurance business. We will continue to offer innovative solutions and great service to our clients, backed by the financial security of our global organization,” commented Jeff Poulin.



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About Canada Life Reinsurance

Canada Life Reinsurance is part of the Great-West Lifeco group of companies which have over \$900 billion in consolidated assets under administration. Canada Life Reinsurance provides its clients with reinsurance solutions for life and health, annuity, and property & casualty business through its offices in the United States, Canada, Ireland and Barbados.

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