

PARIS RE, Marsh and the UNEP/GEF develop innovative renewable energy insurance solutions

PARIS RE and MARSH have jointly developed a new index-based cover that will encourage the development of wind farm projects

Zug, Switzerland, October 9, 2008. PARIS RE Holdings Limited (Euronext: PRI) has introduced an index-based weather cover for the wind energy sector. The cover was developed in cooperation with MARSH in the framework of a study commissioned by the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) and the Global Environment Facility (GEF).

The study analyzes the technical, legal and financial feasibility of implementing weather coverage in Mexico. The objective is to instill confidence in investors and to facilitate the financing of wind farm projects in developing countries. The idea is based on the sharing of risks among industry professionals specializing in this type of coverage. In the case of Mexico, index-based coverage may be provided through different forms of legal contracts entered into by an investor and his bank, a local insurer and a weather coverage specialist such as PARIS RE.

When financing a wind farm project, the index-based product designed by PARIS RE and MARSH provides coverage against the most important of all weather risks: the lack of sufficient wind. Protection against this risk may be integrated into the financing scheme at different levels. By containing the volatility of revenues, it is possible to significantly improve credit conditions and, consequently, the rate of return on investment. The simplicity of the mechanism resides in its capacity to rapidly indemnify the insured in the event that wind sustainability should fall below a prescribed threshold. Therefore, claims adjustments are not required to trigger indemnity under the contract.

For this particular wind farm project, the choice of Mexico as the host country was based firstly on the significance of its wind energy potential, and secondly on criteria of a political and economic nature. This solution may easily be applied to similar projects in other countries. A first-of-its-kind solution tailor-made to the specifications a wind farm project in an emerging country, the product is also a reference for weather derivatives.

In 2006, PARIS RE pioneered an index-based solution in cooperation with the World Food Programme to protect against drought-related losses in Ethiopia. PARIS RE hope that this study, conducted in partnership with MARSH and the UNEP will incite numerous other emerging countries to develop wind energy projects by proposing new financial structures that correspond to local conditions at competitive prices.

Save the date: On October 13-14, 2008, the UNEP will organize a roundtable event on the topic of "Financial Risk Management for Renewable Energy Projects in Emerging and Developing Countries", in Paris.

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