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Westrope to Offer New Catastrophe Risk Assessment Capabilities from Risk Management Solutions (RMS)

Kansas City, MO – December 13, 2007. Westrope has announced that it has selected California-based Risk Management Solutions (RMS) to provide catastrophe risk assessment capabilities through RMS Wholesale Broker RiskBrowser®.

RMS is the world's leading provider of products and services for the quantification and management of catastrophe risk. This product will allow Westrope to assist clients in assessing their catastrophe risk associated with U.S. earthquake and hurricanes.

“Recent catastrophes have put an emphasis on the need for better risk management practices” said John Klag, Executive Vice President/Chief Operating Officer of Westrope. “Understanding exposure to catastrophic loss is critical to making solid risk management decisions. RMS was chosen for its position as the market leader with a state-of-the-art catastrophe model that reflects the latest in scientific research and data availability.”

Until now, wholesale brokers have not played a significant role in the catastrophic assessment area for clients, but RMS Wholesale Broker RiskBrowser® puts Westrope clearly in the equation.

“We are one of the few wholesalers in the country to have this innovative capability and are very proud to add catastrophe modeling to our arsenal of professional services,” said Brenda Ballard, Executive Vice President in charge of the Property Division. “Our adoption of RMS shows our commitment to a cutting edge philosophy that utilizes new technology to stay ahead of our competition and help our agents to effectively compete.”

About Westrope

Westrope is ranked among the top five largest privately held wholesale brokers in the United States. Founded in 1992, the company is now home to over 140 insurance professionals in seven offices across the country. With strategic market relationships, Westrope's brokers are committed to providing superior service through innovative solutions. To learn more visit www.westrope.com.