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### **MEDIA ALERT**

#### **IRONSHORE ENVIRONMENTAL DIVISION EXPERT TEAM IN PLACE TO RESPOND TO GULF COAST OIL CRISIS**

##### **24-Hour Response Team Available to Address Liability Risks**

**Hamilton, Bermuda, May 5, 2010** – Ironshore’s Environmental Insurance

Division has formed a rapid response team of industry experts to assist with evaluation and management of insurance liability risks and questions surrounding the escalating oil spill threatening the Gulf of Mexico. Ironshore Casualty also will be available to provide insurance industry guidance. Professional underwriters, engineers and claims management are available to provide assessment and assistance regarding environmental liability issues and coverages, impacting:

- Contractors responding to the spill in the waters of the Gulf and surrounding coastal lands;
- Manufacturers of dispersal agents, oil absorbents, or other products that are being used in the Gulf;
- Companies responsible for the treatment and disposal of any waste generated by the response efforts.

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Ironshore provides broker-sourced specialty commercial property and casualty coverages for risks located throughout the world. Through its platform in Bermuda, including Iron-Starr Excess, Ironshore writes property and excess casualty insurance for global commercial risks. Ironshore's U.S. operations write commercial property and casualty insurance, including a variety of coverages in the Management & Professional Liability, Healthcare Liability, Construction and Environmental specialty areas, as well as Energy Property and Casualty within its Global division. Specialty coverages are underwritten at Lloyd's through Ironshore's Pembroke Syndicate 4000. The Ironshore group of insurance companies is rated A- (Excellent) by A.M. Best with a Financial Size Category of Class XI. Syndicate 4000 operates within Lloyd's where the market rating is A (Excellent) by A.M. Best and A+ (Strong) from both Standard & Poor's and Fitch. For more information, please visit [www.ironshore.com](http://www.ironshore.com).