

## IRONSHORE INC.

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### **IRONSHORE AUSTRALIA ANNOUNCES EXPANSION OF MERGERS & ACQUISITIONS BUSINESS LINES**

**Hamilton, Bermuda, January 23, 2012** – Ironshore Australia has announced the appointment of Katherine Simmonds as Executive Director, who was also named to serve on the Board of Directors for Ironshore Australia. Ms. Simmonds will be responsible for Ironshore Australia’s Mergers & Acquisitions insurance program offerings throughout the Asia Pacific region, as well as overseeing the implementation of Ironshore Australia’s business growth objectives, reporting to David Rogers, Managing Director.

Ms. Simmonds joins Ironshore from Chartis, where she led the M&A practice for Australia and New Zealand. Previously, Katherine was a Senior Lawyer in the Private Equity/M&A practice at Minter Ellison, and has also worked as a management consultant in the Australian and London markets.

“Katherine’s expertise and relationships in the M&A and private equity arena will provide our regional partners with local and innovative solutions, which are central to Ironshore’s continued expansion in this region,” said David Rogers, Managing Director of Ironshore Australia.

Ms. Simmonds noted that "this is an exciting time for Ironshore as it builds in Australia and across Asia Pacific, and I welcome the opportunity of working closely with the Ironshore global team of M&A experts."

Ironshore Australia's M&A suite of insurance products includes Buyer, Seller, and Tax warranties coverage. In addition to M&A product lines, Ironshore Australia provides specialty coverage for Professional Lines, Political Risk & Trade Credit, Global Property and Environmental risks.

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