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**IRONSHORE SPECIALTY CASUALTY OFFERS CUSTOMIZED
PROGRAM FOR PUBLIC ENTITY EMPLOYMENT RISK**

Hamilton, Bermuda, February 8, 2010 --Ironshore Inc. announced that its Specialty Casualty division will offer a new suite of Employment Practice Liability Insurance (EPLI) services for its public entity clients. Ironshore's EPLI risk management services are designed for public entity employers and human resource professionals to identify, assess and respond to workplace issues in an effort to mitigate employee litigation occurrences.

This suite of services was developed in response to increased incidents of public employee-initiated litigation. The EEOC (Equal Employment Opportunity Commission) announced earlier this month that it received a record number of employment discrimination complaints in the previous year, and the trend is expected to accelerate in the current year given the continued economic climate.

“Over the past several years, the public sector has experienced an explosion of litigation by public entity employees involving workplace issues,” said Susan Kostro, Senior Vice President, Ironshore Specialty Casualty. “Ironshore’s creation of an array of EPLI risk management services enables us to assist public entity employers to prepare and manage litigation exposure in the new environment of governmental regulation and enforcement of employee workplace issues.”

Ironshore has partnered with a leading national labor and employment law firm to develop these new services. Together, the two entities have designed a set of customized products and services to aid public employers in recognizing the potential for employee litigation occurrences, and to keep abreast of current employment labor laws and regulations. Service offerings include a series of training programs and educational materials for human resource professionals, an EPLI compliance training platform for public entity employers, and a quarterly newsletter for Ironshore EPLI public sector insurance clients.

About Ironshore

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.

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