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## **IRONSHORE LAUNCHES LIFE SCIENCE PRACTICE**

*-- Linda McLaughlin Appointed to Lead New Effort --*

**Hamilton, Bermuda, October 05, 2009** – Ironshore Inc. announced today the launch of a dedicated Life Science Practice Unit. Linda McLaughlin has been appointed as Senior Vice President to lead the business initiative.

Ironshore’s Life Science practice will underwrite General and Product Liability insurance coverages for Biotechnology Companies, Specialty and Generic Pharmaceutical Companies, Medical Products and Medical Device Manufactures, as well as industry distributors. Life Science will be a unit of IronHealth, the specialty division of Ironshore dedicated to the healthcare industry.

Ms. McLaughlin has held various leadership positions at AIG for nearly 20 years. Most recently, she served as Vice President of Lexington’s Products Liability Division with the Healthcare unit. Her tenure in serving specialty market sectors includes her role working with Life Science clients within the Directors & Officers Liability division of Lexington, with particular focus on the Biotechnology sector.

“Life Science is an incredibly specialized class of business, and Linda has a proven track record in providing unique insight into the insurance needs of this sector,” said Shaun Kelly, CEO of Ironshore’s U.S operations. “Bringing Linda and her team on

board at this time enables Ironshore to make an immediate impact in being able to provide such specialty coverages to a unique class of business through its nationwide geographic footprint.”

Ms. McLaughlin will be joined by a seasoned team of specialty sector underwriters located in various Ironshore offices throughout the country, including:

- Valerie Marsiano, Vice President, San Francisco/Los Angeles  
More than 25 years experience, who joins Ironshore from CNA’s Life Science division.
- Barbara Pasternack, Vice President, Chicago  
Previously served with AIG’s Lexington Products Liability Insurance sector for the Life Science industry, with over 20 years experience.
- Angela Nadeau, Assistant Vice President, Dallas  
More than 20 years underwriting experience in General Casualty, Package coverages, and Products Liability, more recently as Life Science Regional Specialist with AIG’s Lexington Insurance Healthcare Division.

Mr. Kelly noted that the Life Science initiative “enhances IronHealth’s presence in the healthcare and related product marketplace, expanding upon our ability to offer a broader suite of healthcare solutions.”

### **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](http://www.ironshore.com).

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