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### **JLT announces senior executive appointments**

**Sydney, 28 January 2008** - Jardine Lloyd Thompson Pty Limited (JLT) Australia has announced two senior executive management promotions and one new appointment.

The insurance broking and risk services firm has promoted Leo Demer, former Managing Director of JLT Risk Services to Managing Director of JLT Australia, replacing Brian Carpenter who remains Chief Executive Officer of Jardine Lloyd Thompson Asia-Pacific. Warren Merritt, former JLT Australia Natural Resources and Construction Chief Executive will relocate to Hong Kong to become Managing Director Jardine Lloyd Thompson Asia. Richard Van Velzen will take up the role of Managing Director of JLT Natural Resources and Construction in Australia.

Leo, a qualified lawyer, joined JLT in 1985. He has been involved in the Local Government insurance broking industry for over 30 years and was instrumental in expanding JLT's local government business. In his new role, Leo will oversee broking operations and corporate risk services in Australia while retaining his global responsibility for the development of JLT Group public sector business.

Richard's career in the insurance industry spans 30 years working in the Melbourne, Brisbane and London markets. A recognised industry leader in his field, Richard has led large infrastructure, government, energy and mining projects and operational programme placements. His experience includes broking and consulting for large Australian and international entities, across a broad range of disciplines, including feasibility studies for and management of offshore captives and sophisticated risk financing programmes.

Brian said: "These organisational changes will help us to take full advantage of the opportunities in this dynamic economic region. Leo and Warren will report directly to me as CEO of Asia Pacific and as an Executive team we have the prime responsibility to maximise the synergies of the Asia Pacific region for the benefit of our clients.

Richard is acknowledged as a leader in the field and his appointment will assist us to continue expanding our natural resource and construction business.

I would like to congratulate Leo and Warren on their promotions and welcome Richard to the team.”

**About Jardine Lloyd Thompson Pty Limited (JLT) Australia:**

Jardine Lloyd Thompson Pty Limited (JLT) Australia is a wholly owned subsidiary of Jardine Lloyd Thompson Group plc which is quoted on the London Stock Exchange and is the largest European headquartered company providing broking, risk management and consultancy services in more than 30 countries worldwide. JLT Australia operates out of more than 15 offices across all states and territories and employs more than 700 industry professionals. Backed by its global risk groups, JLT Australia is uniquely structured to provide innovative insurance and other risk solutions to companies and individuals in Australia.

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