Arthur J. Gallagher announces retirement of John Hastings-Bass

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David Ross, CEO of Arthur J. Gallagher International, said: “When John joined us in 2007 we were far from fashionable and the business was a long way from the circa 6,500 people operation we are today. But he saw in us great potential, and knew we could deliver on our ambitions.

“It was John’s knowledge and experience of the geographies that make up our footprint outside of the UK that shaped our initial strategy for expansion into the international marketplace; he was the driving force behind our move into Asia-Pacific. He has also been Chairman of our international energy business, Alesco, since 2008, setting up our Calgary energy office which is now part of our 800-strong team in Canada.

“Later, as Managing Director of Underwriting & Distribution, he became a steward of growth for our fast-expanding MGA and MGU operations, as well as our personal lines businesses before handing over the leadership reins to Adrian Brown in September.

“And most recently, in his role as Chairman – International Development, John has helped build out our operations in Australia and Singapore on which we can now maximise the organic and acquisitive growth opportunities within the vibrant economies of Asia.

“On a personal note I would like to thank John for his strategic insight and international vision. His knowledge, passion and sense of humour will be missed by everyone that has worked closely with him in his various roles here at Arthur J. Gallagher.”

John joined Arthur J. Gallagher in July 2007 from JLT, where he spent 10 years as an Executive Director of the JLT Group and latterly served as Chief Executive of the International Business division, covering Asia Pacific, continental Europe, Canada and Latin America.

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Notes to Editors:

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Parent company Arthur J. Gallagher & Co. (NYSE: AJG), an international insurance brokerage and risk management services firm, is headquartered in Itasca, Illinois, has operations in 30 countries and offers client service capabilities in more than 140 countries around the world through a network of correspondent brokers and consultants.