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**ELTO appoints new Chair: Steve Browne, Head of Casualty Insurance, Fleet and Motor Trade Insurance at AXA Insurance UK plc (AXA)**

Steve Browne, Head of Casualty, Fleet and Motor Trade Insurance at AXA, has been confirmed as the new Chair of the Employers' Liability Tracing Office (ELTO). Steve takes over the role from Stephen Lewis, Chief Executive of RSA, who stepped down in January.

Commenting on his appointment, Steve said: "I was part of the industry working party that helped form ELTO and have been a Director on the Board since its creation.

I have been involved with underwriting and managing Liability Insurance business throughout most of my 25-year career to date.

I would like to thank Steve Lewis, both personally and on behalf of the ELTO Board for his inspirational leadership and commitment, both in his period as ELTO Chair but also as a major industry figure who has campaigned over many years on all the key issues that ELTO was formed to deal with. Steve Lewis leaves an organisation which is thriving and delivering for the customers that the insurance industry is here to serve - by helping them to connect with an insurer in their moment of need.

ELTO will continue to work tirelessly to serve those customers on behalf of the industry, whilst also continuing to undertake the key role of helping members comply with their Regulatory obligations. In this regard, ELTO remains -the only regulated Employers' Liability Tracing Office in the UK."

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**About ELTO**

The Employers' Liability Tracing Office (ELTO) is a not-for-profit organisation set up to provide claimants and their representatives with quick and easy access to a central database of Employers' Liability (EL) policies through an online enquiry facility, helping them to find their employer's EL insurer. The purpose

of ELTO is to help claimants trace and identify the insurer to enable them to pursue compensation directly with them. ELTO is not a compensatory body.

ELTO's members are firms with EL policy liabilities for UK employers, both active and run-off insurers, and represent circa 99% of the current EL market.

The EL database (ELD) launched in April 2011. It contains all new and renewed EL insurance policies, policies from before April 2011 which have new claims made against them and policies that have been and will continue to be identified through the tracing service.

### **About Steve Browne**

Steve Browne joined AXA 18 years ago following its acquisition of Guardian Royal Exchange and during this time has held a number of senior management roles. An insurance technician, with 25 years' experience in technical underwriting and management roles, he's been Head of Casualty Insurance at AXA since 2003 and is responsible for all aspects of the UK's strategy and philosophy for the following class lines: Employer's Liability, Public Liability, Products Liability, Professional Indemnity, Management Liability, Goods in Transit and Personal Accident. In 2015, he also assumed UK responsibility for AXA's Motor Fleet and Motor Trade accounts

Steve graduated from Kings College, London with a First Class degree in Mathematics and Management Studies, is ACII qualified and holds Chartered Insurer status.