



## PRESS RELEASE

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### AXA REFOCUSES ITS REINSURANCE ACTIVITIES

Paris – Philippe Donnet, CEO of AXA Corporate Solutions Group, has reorganized the activities around three main businesses in order to allow better control and profitability of each segment:

- Large risks insurance, under the brand of AXA Corporate Solutions Assurance,
- Reinsurance, handled through AXA RE<sup>1</sup> and its reinsurance subsidiaries,
- Run-off management controlled by the AXA Liabilities Managers company.

As far as AXA RE's activities are concerned, the Group aims at leveraging the company key strengths while maximizing the potential benefit from the upturn in the reinsurance market. Therefore, AXA RE has decided to implement the following actions:

- Cease US financial guarantee reinsurance activities carried by AXA Re Finance, in a context where the profitability of monoline reinsurers is being challenged by ceding companies,
- Cease underwriting and renewing contracts on life and non-life reinsurance businesses through its US subsidiaries AXA Corporate Solutions Reinsurance Co and AXA Corporate Solutions Life Reinsurance Co.

AXA remains present in the US reinsurance market through its Paris-based subsidiary AXA RE, and intends to focus its activities on property-cat non-proportional reinsurance.

Furthermore, non-life US insurance activities (marine, aviation, reverse-flow and space) are maintained.

These actions will help AXA to optimize the return of AXA Corporate Solutions activities as soon as 2003 while concentrating its reinsurance activities on markets that it considers as being the most profitable ones.

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<sup>1</sup> Formerly named AXA Corporate Solutions

Gross revenues of activities put in run-off (gross written premiums):

**AXA Corporate Solutions Reinsurance Co (US):**

- FY 2001 : Euro 533 million
- H1 2002 : Euro 307 million

**AXA Corporate Solutions Life Reinsurance Co (US):**

- FY 2001 : Euro 134 million
- H1 2002 : Euro 81 million

**Financial guarantee activities in the US of AXA Re Finance:**

- FY 2001 : Euro 74 million
- H1 2002 : Euro 47 million

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