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### **Royal & SunAlliance acquires Sertus Underwriting Limited in Ireland**

Royal & Sun Alliance Insurance Group plc announces the acquisition of Sertus Underwriting Limited in Ireland.

Sertus Underwriting Limited is a well established business within the Irish motor and household insurance market. In 2007 it achieved Gross Written Premiums of €16.5m (£11.3m). The transaction is consistent with Royal & SunAlliance's strategy in Ireland of building leading positions in targeted segments.

Simon Lee, Chief Executive of Royal & SunAlliance International Businesses said, "We have a strong business in Ireland and a track record of delivering profitable performance. This transaction represents an exciting opportunity to combine technical excellence with strong distribution and supports the delivery of our objective of sustainable, profitable performance".

Local regulatory approval has been obtained.

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**Notes to editors:**

1. Royal and SunAlliance is one of the largest general insurance companies in Ireland and a leading insurer in the Property and Commercial sectors.
2. Sertus Underwriting Limited was established in 2004 and provides motor and home insurance through a network of insurance intermediaries.
3. At 31 December 2007 Sertus' Gross Assets were €3.5m (£2.57m).
4. Sertus Underwriting Limited's Gross Written Premiums and Gross Assets are converted at the relevant exchange rates.

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