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CATCo Reinsurance Opportunities Fund Ltd. (the "Company")

Proposed Capital Raise

The Company today announces that the Board and Markel CATCo Investment Management Ltd. ("Markel CATCo"), the Company's investment manager, both believe that the Company remains appropriately positioned to continue to deliver attractive returns through its focused investment strategy.

Following recent discussions held between Markel CATCo and existing and potential new reinsurance counterparties regarding a number of mid-year opportunities, Markel CATCo intends to raise further funds to satisfy this demand via the Markel CATCo Diversified Fund (a segregated account of Markel CATCo Reinsurance Fund Ltd), in which the Company invests substantially all of its assets (the "Master Fund").

These further opportunities will allow Markel CATCo to continue to diversify the Master Fund's portfolio, while maintaining the indicative maximum net return profile of approximately 16% on invested capital (inclusive of the 2% attritional loss reserve).

The Board and Markel CATCo believe that it is appropriate to offer this opportunity to investors in the Company, in response to continued demand from both current shareholders and new investors. Proceeds of the fundraise will be used to meet a proportion of the demand from new investors.

Any new Ordinary Shares ("New Shares") issued under the proposed capital raise will be issued at a premium of 2% to the unaudited net asset value ("NAV") per share as at 30 April 2017, which will be announced on 16 May 2017.

How to participate

Qualified investors (as defined in section 86(7) of the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 (as amended)) are invited to apply for New Shares by contacting Numis Securities Limited ("Numis") using the contact details below. The decision to allot New Shares to any qualified investor shall be at the absolute discretion of the Company and Numis.

Expected timetable

Fund raise opens	17 May 2017
Latest time and date for receipt of commitments under the issuance	Noon 25 May 2017
Announcement of results of issuance	7.00 a.m. 26 May 2017

Admission and dealings in New Shares on the Specialist
Fund Segment of the London Stock Exchange's Main
Market

8.00 a.m. 31 May 2017

Ends

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