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MEDIA RELEASE

Calliden to undertake staged withdrawal from the Victorian Builders Warranty Insurance Market.

The Victorian Government recently announced that with effect from 31 May 2010, there will be a new government underwritten insurance scheme in Victoria.

The scheme will be run by the Victorian Managed Insurance Authority (VMIA) and QBE will be the sole government provider. As a result, Calliden plans to exit the Victorian market by the 31 March 2011.

The withdrawal will take place in three stages over a nine month period commencing 1 July and concluding by 31 March 2011. The process has been developed to minimise disruption to our intermediaries and their clients and to enable VMIA to transition the Calliden business as smoothly as possible.

During this period we will continue to support our existing intermediary partners transacting builders warranty insurance in Victoria for risks that fall strictly within our stated risk appetite.

We will also assist our intermediary partners in transitioning from Calliden to the VMIA scheme.

Transition arrangements will be advised to each intermediary partner separately.

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