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### ALLIED WORLD AND JLT ANNOUNCE NEW ADMITTED LAWYERS PROFESSIONAL LIABILITY PROGRAM IN 10 STATES

**PEMBROKE, BERMUDA** – July 7, 2009 - Allied World Assurance Company Holdings, Ltd (NYSE: AWH) announced through its U.S.-based Darwin subsidiary, a new program with Jardine Lloyd Thompson (JLT) Facilities, Inc. in conjunction with the rollout of Darwin's nationwide standard market Lawyers Professional Liability (LPL) product. JLT will be underwriting on behalf of Darwin on an admitted basis in New York, New Jersey, Illinois, Ohio, Michigan, Maryland, Connecticut, Virginia, Georgia and South Carolina. JLT will be the exclusive distribution source for 1 to 25 attorney firms in these 10 states.

Gordon Knight, President of Allied World U.S. commented, "JLT Facilities, Inc. brings over 20 years experience, knowledge and expertise in the LPL market. We are very excited about this partnership as it is a key part of our overall LPL distribution strategy."

Through Darwin, Allied World provides one of the broadest platforms offering professional liability insurance to lawyers in a wide variety of practices on both an admitted and non-admitted basis nationally. This newly designed admitted policy form incorporates key coverage features and enhancements tailored to small and mid-size law firms. The coverage is supported by Allied World's experienced claims team and comprehensive risk management services.

President of JLT Facilities, Craig Darling, commented, "This program allows us to leverage the business knowledge of both organizations to offer a total market solution for brokers and their clients. We are delighted to be partnered with a strong carrier providing a new admitted product that addresses the key needs of the marketplace. "

Further details and information can be found at [www.jltfacilities.com](http://www.jltfacilities.com) or by contacting JLT Facilities, Inc. at 800-998-5545 or via email at [michael.attanasio@jltfacilities.com](mailto:michael.attanasio@jltfacilities.com).

#### **About Darwin and Allied World Assurance Company**

Darwin, a Farmington, CT-based specialty insurance group focused on the professional liability insurance market, underwrites errors and omissions liability insurance, medical malpractice liability insurance and other specialty coverages. Darwin member companies (Darwin National Assurance and Darwin Select Insurance) are subsidiaries of Allied World Assurance Company Holdings, Ltd, a global provider of innovative property, casualty and specialty insurance and reinsurance solutions, offering superior client service through offices in Bermuda, the United States, Europe and Hong Kong. Allied World's insurance

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and reinsurance subsidiaries are rated A (Excellent) by A.M. Best Company. For further information on Darwin and Allied World, please visit our websites at [www.darwinpro.com](http://www.darwinpro.com) and [www.awac.com](http://www.awac.com).

### **About Jardine Lloyd Thompson Group**

JLT is an international group of Risk Specialists and Employee Benefits Consultants and one of the largest companies of its type in the world. We offer a distinctive choice to our clients and partners through our combination of independence, scale and specialism. JLT Group employs over 5,500 staff in more than 36 countries. JLT Facilities provides program insurance solutions on an open brokerage basis to licensed insurance professionals in all states. For further information visit our website at [www.jltfacilities.com](http://www.jltfacilities.com).

### **Cautionary Statement Regarding Forward-Looking Statements**

Any forward-looking statements made in this press release reflect our current views with respect to future events and financial performance and are made pursuant to the safe harbor provisions of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. Such statements involve risks and uncertainties, which may cause actual results to differ materially from those set forth in these statements. For example, our forward-looking statements could be affected by the ability to recognize the benefits of the Darwin acquisition; pricing and policy term trends; increased competition; the impact of acts of terrorism and acts of war; greater frequency or severity of unpredictable catastrophic events; investigations of market practices and related settlement terms; negative rating agency actions; the adequacy of our loss reserves; the company or its subsidiaries becoming subject to significant income taxes in the United States or elsewhere; changes in regulations or tax laws; changes in the availability, cost or quality of reinsurance or retrocessional coverage; adverse general economic conditions including those related to the ongoing financial crisis; and judicial, legislative, political and other governmental developments, as well as management's response to these factors, and other factors identified in our filings with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission. You are cautioned not to place undue reliance on these forward-looking statements, which speak only as of the date on which they are made. We are under no obligation (and expressly disclaim any such obligation) to update or revise any forward-looking statement that may be made from time to time, whether as a result of new information, future developments or otherwise.

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