

Press Release



NORTH P&I CLUB APPOINTS JAMES HOLMES AS CHIEF INFORMATION OFFICER

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North P&I Club has appointed a new Chief Information Officer to drive the business IT strategy and further enhance service delivery.

James Holmes joins the global marine insurer as Chief Information Officer to provide long term strategic direction for the continuing development of North's IT & digital infrastructure and systems across its worldwide network of offices. Based at North's headquarters on Newcastle's Quayside, the new CIO role is an important addition to North's senior management team.

James joins North from Greggs, the UK's leading food-on-the go retailer, with over 1,800 shops and 20,000 employees. He led the 5 year transformational programme encompassing, customer service, procurement, learning and development, finance and recruitment which has been implemented across the business. James was with Greggs for 16 years, and prior to that, Cap Gemini, Torex Health and Norwich Union.

Paul Jennings, Joint Managing Director, commented, "this new CIO role will help ensure that we develop our technical IT capabilities in line with our business growth, and continue towards achieving our strategy to provide the highest level of cost effective service to Members. We are delighted to have James join us at this exciting time in our development."

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Notes to editors

1. North P&I Club is a leading global marine insurer providing P&I, FD&D, war risks and ancillary insurance to 140 million GT of owned tonnage. Through its guaranteed subsidiary Sunderland Marine, North is also a leading insurer of fishing vessels, small craft and aquaculture risks. The Standard and Poor's 'A' rated Club is based in Newcastle upon Tyne, UK with regional offices and subsidiaries in China (Hong Kong and Shanghai), Greece, Japan, Singapore and Sunderland Marine offices worldwide. North is a leading member of the International Group of P&I Clubs (IG), with over 12% of the IG's owned tonnage. The 13 IG clubs provide liability cover for approximately 90% of the world's ocean-going tonnage and, as a member of the IG, North protects and promotes the interests of the international shipping industry. For further information visit: www.nepia.com