

Paraline Group, Ltd. Established

New vehicle dedicated to global insurance and reinsurance markets
acquires ICAT Holdings, LLC.

Hamilton, Bermuda – 21st October 2010 Paraline Group, Ltd., (“Paraline” or “The Group”) a Bermuda-domiciled insurance and reinsurance company, today announced its launch. Paraline has been established by the executive team of ICAT Holdings, LLC. (“ICAT”) led by Chairman and CEO Jack Graham and backed by private investors, including Wand Partners, Inc. and Elliott Management Corporation. The Group has received the relevant approvals from Lloyd’s and the Bermuda Monetary Authority and as its first major step has acquired ICAT from Vulcan, Inc., a private investor.

Graham has been appointed CEO of Paraline and will lead the Group as it develops a Lloyd’s-based international insurance and reinsurance business. Bruce Schnitzer of Wand Partners, Inc., a former senior executive of Marsh & McLennan Companies, Inc. and an experienced private equity investor in the insurance industry, has been named Chairman of the Board of Paraline.

Commenting on the establishment of Paraline, Mr. Graham said:

“Paraline is an exciting new venture that brings together an established team that is known for its innovation and technical risk capabilities with expert investors and insurance industry veterans. We plan to grow Paraline through our Lloyd’s presence in a disciplined manner: our experienced private investor group gives us the investment expertise and capital support to expand our position in the market under appropriate market conditions and with the right teams of people. ”

ICAT, Paraline’s first investment, is headquartered in Boulder, Colorado and underwrites at Lloyd’s of London. The company specialises in insuring commercial properties located in hurricane and earthquake–exposed regions of the United States and residential properties in Hawaii. In addition to underwriting on behalf of ICAT’s Lloyd’s Syndicate 4242, ICAT Managers underwrites on behalf of other Lloyd’s syndicates and other insurance and reinsurance companies. The ICAT brand will be maintained under Paraline ownership as a premier provider of catastrophe insurance products. ICAT

is recognised for its highly technical and analytical approach to underwriting catastrophe insurance risks for small and medium sized businesses in the United States.

Mr. Schnitzer, Chairman of Paraline and Managing Director of Wand Partners, Inc., commented:

“Paraline’s strategy is to use Lloyd’s-centric underwriting capabilities to build a quality portfolio of diversified international insurance and reinsurance operations. We were attracted to ICAT as an outstanding underwriter of property catastrophe insurance with a strong and deep management team and an ingrained underwriting and risk management discipline that is consistent with our investor group’s orientation to risk.

“Paraline is well positioned to diversify and grow in a profitable and disciplined manner. We intend to be a committed and meaningful investor, building on the strong relationships that ICAT has developed and working closely with other like-minded teams when market conditions are appropriate.”

During the acquisition of ICAT, Aon Benfield Securities acted as a financial adviser to Vulcan and ICAT.

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About ICAT Holdings, LLC

ICAT Holdings, LLC., the principal underwriting subsidiary of Paraline Holdings, is an insurance holding company that specialises in underwriting small and middle market commercial properties located in catastrophe-exposed regions of the United States. ICAT is an underwriter at Lloyd's of London through ICAT Syndicate 4242, (rated "A" [Excellent] by A.M. Best Company, and "A+" [Strong] by Standard & Poor's). ICAT also underwrites on behalf of other insurance companies and other Syndicates at Lloyd's of London. For more information, visit www.icat.com.

About Wand Partners

Since inception in 1985, Wand Partners has been principally involved in middle-market buy-outs and has focused primarily on specialty financial services, particularly insurance. Wand is a value-oriented investor, applying the perspective of an operationally oriented private equity investor. Over the years, Wand has sponsored and invested in thirteen platform businesses in the insurance industry.

About Elliott Management Corporation

Elliott Management Corporation oversees two private investment funds which have assets under management of more than US\$17 billion. The firm was founded in 1977 and has principal offices in New York and London. Over its 33 year history under continuous management, Elliott has compiled a consistent and highly successful record of financial returns to investors.