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## FLASH<sup>®</sup> Partnership to Include RenaissanceRe and WeatherPredict Consulting Inc.

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. – Following the Fall Corporate Board meeting of the nonprofit Federal Alliance for Safe Homes- FLASH<sup>®</sup>, Inc. the organization today announced that Bermuda-based RenaissanceRe Holdings Ltd. (NYSE: RNR) and its U.S. affiliate WeatherPredict Consulting Inc. have joined the FLASH alliance to promote disaster mitigation to homeowners worldwide. This announcement follows the recent addition to FLASH's partnership roster of two nationally-acclaimed scientists and disaster safety leaders – former National Hurricane Center Director Max Mayfield and Ernst W. Kiesling, P.E., Ph.D., Executive Director of the National Storm Shelter Association.

"Counting RenaissanceRe and its affiliate, WeatherPredict Consulting Inc., among our partners will immediately bolster our mission to strengthen homes and safeguard families," said FLASH President & CEO Leslie Chapman-Henderson. "The company's long-standing commitment to disaster safety through breakthrough research and development will enhance our technical prowess and expand our ability to reach more people than ever with life-saving information."

"RenaissanceRe's partnership with FLASH is a particularly good fit," said Neill Currie, RenaissanceRe's Chief Executive Officer. "We couldn't be more pleased to join forces with this accomplished and well-respected group for the purpose of reaching as many people as possible with the information they need to enhance family safety and economic sustainability. Aligning our research findings with their proven consumer outreach prowess is a formula that will save lives."

Craig Tillman, President of WeatherPredict Consulting Inc., noted, "This new partnership with FLASH is consistent with our own initiatives to help people understand the value of mitigation for natural disasters, and to give them more tools to enhance the safety of their families and belongings. We're excited to partner with FLASH as they encourage home resiliency as a public value and provide consumers with the information to accomplish this in their own lives."

Established in 1993, RenaissanceRe is a leading provider of catastrophe reinsurance and insurance worldwide. The company has gained recognition for excellence in the industry through disciplined underwriting, capital management expertise, sophisticated risk modeling and responsive client service. For more information, visit www.renre.com.

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1427 E. Piedmont Dr., Ste. 2 • Tallahassee, FL 32308 1-877-221-SAFE WeatherPredict Consulting Inc. focuses on modeling atmospheric hazards and vulnerability. The firm's team of advanced scientists draws upon expertise in oceanography, meteorology, wind engineering, aerodynamics and computer simulation. WeatherPredict's business includes providing intelligence on atmospheric perils to a range of entities with an interest in anticipating the occurrence and outcome of weather events.

RenaissanceRe and WeatherPredict Consulting Inc., join FLASH as National Partners. Existing National Partners include FEMA, Georgia Pacific, The Home Depot, The Home Depot Foundation, International Code Council, Mercedes Homes, National Weather Service, SkyeTec, State Farm Insurance Companies, and USAA. For a full partner list visit <u>www.flash.org</u>.

The Federal Alliance for Safe Homes – FLASH<sup>®</sup>, Inc., is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization of government agencies, professional associations, and private industry committed to strengthening homes and safeguarding families from disaster. Based in Tallahassee, Fla., FLASH is the nation's fastest-growing disaster preparedness organization with more than 100 partners from academic, government, leadership, nonprofit, private and public sector organizations. To learn more about FLASH and access free homeowner and homebuilder resources, visit www.flash.org or call toll-free (877) 221-SAFE (7233).

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