



MCLARENS STRENGTHENS MAJOR LOSS PRACTICE WITH SENIOR APPOINTMENTS

LONDON, UNITED KINGDOM – 11 JUNE 2021: In line with continued growth across the UK & Ireland, **McLarens**, the leading global insurance services provider, has expanded its **Major Loss Practice** with the appointment of **Simon Shaw** and **Martin Allan** to two new senior management positions.

As **Head of Major Loss Practice** for **London & South-East** and **Scotland** respectively, Simon and Martin will work alongside Gareth Bowers (Head of Major Loss - Midlands, Southwest and Wales), Darren Anderton (Head of Major Loss - North) and William Wilson (Head of Major Loss - Ireland), reporting into Executive Director, Neil Baldwin who takes the executive lead on Technical and Compliance matters. The Heads take responsibility for coordinating commercial property and business interruption-related major and complex loss activity in their region, leading on their own portfolio of losses, managing ring-fenced teams, controlling quality assurance and supporting further strategic growth.

The appointments will strengthen McLarens' complex and major loss capability at a regional level, with the Major Loss leadership expanding from three to five to reflect growth and increasing market demand. The newly created senior roles coincide with the internal appointments of Karl Evans, Ian Marengi and Tim McGee to the team.

Simon is an experienced major loss specialist with over 30 years industry experience, having held senior management roles with insurers, brokers and loss adjusters. He began his loss adjusting career in the UK and later moved abroad where he held a number of senior positions in Indonesia, Vietnam, Singapore and Philippines. Working across a range of different sectors including power, manufacturing, hotel & leisure and commercial property, Simon brings considerable multi-sector experience around complex and major losses. His expertise also includes responding to high profile terrorism incidents.

Previously Head of Operations - North for McLarens UK & Ireland, Martin has over 35 years' experience, working across commercial property claims of all classes, both domestic and international. His expertise includes acting on multi-million-pound fire and flood losses, in addition to handling CAT duties across the globe. Based in Glasgow he has held senior management positions within McLarens' Northern and Scottish operations since 2019.

Neil Baldwin, Executive Director: "We've made a strategic decision to expand our Major Loss proposition over the past two years and we're seeing continued growth and market demand as a direct result. Our adjusters are of the highest quality and our strong leadership team continue to drive our performance further forward, with the customer at the heart of all that we do. Simon and Martin are both excellent technical adjusters, with significant experience of managing and growing teams across the world, and they will complement our existing Major Loss Practice very well."

Steven Wallace, Managing Director, UK & Ireland: “This is about building strength at a senior management level. Complex, technical loss adjusting has always been central to what we do and by having such strong adjusting talent at the heart of our major loss operations, we are underlining the importance and value we place on our practitioner-led approach.”

Notes to Editors:

About McLarens:

Founded in 1931, McLarens is a leading independent global insurance services provider with offices and operations strategically located in 40 countries around the world. With a focus on complex, commercial and niche markets, the company provides loss adjusting, claims and risk management services, as well as auditing and pre-risk surveying. McLarens’ global footprint enables it to provide streamlined consistent service to clients across the world, while at the same time delivering local expertise and responsive service. The company’s expert adjusters have an average of over 20 years’ experience, operating across a range of industries with specialties including: Property, Crisis Management, Natural Resources, Construction & Engineering, Natural Resources, Agriculture, Aviation, Casualty, Marine, FAJ & Specie, Global TPA Services and Environmental consulting services. For more information, please visit: www.mclarens.com.

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