



RenaissanceRe Announces \$625 Million Initial Estimated Net Negative Impact from Hurricanes Harvey, Irma and Maria and the Mexico City Earthquake

PEMBROKE, Bermuda, October 4, 2017 -- RenaissanceRe Holdings Ltd. (NYSE: RNR) (“RenaissanceRe” or the “Company”) today announced it anticipates an initial estimated net negative impact of \$625 million from Hurricanes Harvey, Irma and Maria and the Mexico City Earthquake. These events caused widespread damage to both personal and commercial property in and around the impacted regions.

The Company currently estimates that losses from Hurricanes Harvey and Irma will have a net negative impact of approximately \$225 million and \$175 million, respectively, on its third quarter 2017 results of operations.

In addition, the Company currently estimates that the combined losses from Hurricane Maria and the Mexico City Earthquake will have a net negative impact of approximately \$225 million on its third quarter 2017 results of operations.

Kevin J. O’Donnell, CEO of RenaissanceRe, commented: “We extend our sympathies to all those affected by these recent catastrophic events, and recognize their enormous human impact. As we have always done, we stand ready to help rebuild the many affected communities by serving our customers and paying claims.”

Net negative impact includes the sum of estimates of net claims and claim expenses incurred, earned reinstatement premiums assumed and ceded, lost profit commissions and redeemable noncontrolling interest. The Company’s estimates are based on a review of its potential exposures, preliminary discussions with certain counterparties and catastrophe modeling techniques. Meaningful uncertainty regarding the estimates and the nature and extent of the losses from these events remains, driven by the magnitude and recent occurrence of each event, relatively limited claims data received to date, the contingent nature of business interruption and other exposures, potential uncertainties relating to reinsurance recoveries and other factors inherent in loss estimation, among other things. The Company believes these estimates may be even more uncertain for the two more recent events, Hurricane Maria and the Mexico City Earthquake because, among other things, recovery, insurance loss adjusting and exposure estimates are at earlier stages. Furthermore, seismic events such as the Mexico City Earthquake generally have longer development periods than windstorm events, which may be amplified in this instance by dynamics such as the risk of geological liquefaction and the potential for uncertainty in claims adjudication. In respect of Hurricane Maria, recovery efforts are ongoing and expanding, with power outages, infrastructure damage, communications disruptions and other issues complicating loss mitigation and estimation. Accordingly, the Company’s actual net negative impact from all four events noted above, both individually and in the aggregate, will vary from these preliminary estimates, perhaps materially. Updated loss estimates related to these events will be reflected in RenaissanceRe’s third quarter 2017 results, when reported.

About RenaissanceRe

RenaissanceRe Holdings Ltd. is a global provider of reinsurance and insurance that specializes in matching well-structured risks with efficient sources of capital. The Company provides property, casualty

and specialty reinsurance and certain insurance solutions to customers, principally through intermediaries. Established in 1993, the Company has offices in Bermuda, Ireland, Singapore, the United Kingdom, and the United States.

Cautionary Statement Regarding Forward-Looking Statements

Any forward-looking statements made in this Press Release reflect RenaissanceRe's 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. These statements are subject to numerous factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from those set forth in or implied by such forward-looking statements, including the following: the frequency and severity of catastrophic and other events that the Company covers; the effectiveness of the Company's claims and claim expense reserving process; the Company's ability to maintain its financial strength ratings; the effect of climate change on the Company's business; the effect of U.S. business tax reform proposals; adverse tax developments, including potential changes to the taxation of inter-company or related party transactions, or changes to the tax treatment of shareholders or investors in RenaissanceRe or joint ventures or other entities the Company manages; the effect of emerging claims and coverage issues; continued soft reinsurance underwriting market conditions; the Company's reliance on a small and decreasing number of reinsurance brokers and other distribution services for the preponderance of its revenue; the Company's exposure to credit loss from counterparties in the normal course of business; the effect of continued challenging economic conditions throughout the world; a contention by the Internal Revenue Service that Renaissance Reinsurance Ltd., or any of the Company's other Bermuda subsidiaries, is subject to taxation in the U.S.; the performance of the Company's investment portfolio; losses that the Company could face from terrorism, political unrest or war; the effect of cybersecurity risks, including technology breaches or failure on the Company's business; the Company's ability to successfully implement its business strategies and initiatives; the Company's ability to retain key senior officers and to attract or retain the executives and employees necessary to manage its business; the Company's ability to determine the impairments taken on investments; the availability of retrocessional reinsurance on acceptable terms; the effect of inflation; the ability of the Company's ceding companies and delegated authority counterparties to accurately assess the risks they underwrite; the effect of operational risks, including system or human failures; the Company's ability to effectively manage capital on behalf of investors in joint ventures or other entities it manages; foreign currency exchange rate fluctuations; the Company's ability to raise capital if necessary; the Company's ability to comply with covenants in its debt agreements; changes to the regulatory systems under which the Company operates, including as a result of increased global regulation of the insurance and reinsurance industry; changes in Bermuda laws and regulations and the political environment in Bermuda; the Company's dependence on the ability of its operating subsidiaries to declare and pay dividends; the success of any of the Company's strategic investments or acquisitions, including the Company's ability to manage its operations as its product and geographical diversity increases; aspects of the Company's corporate structure that may discourage third party takeovers or other transactions; the cyclical nature of the reinsurance and insurance industries; adverse legislative developments that reduce the size of the private markets the Company serves or impede their future growth; other political, regulatory or industry initiatives adversely impacting the Company; risks related to Solvency II; the effect on the Company's business of the highly competitive nature of its industry, including the effect of new entrants to, competing products for and consolidation in the (re)insurance industry; consolidation of competitors, customers and insurance and reinsurance brokers; increasing barriers to free trade and the free flow of capital; international restrictions on the writing of reinsurance by foreign companies and government intervention in the natural catastrophe market; the effect of Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development or European Union ("EU") measures to increase the Company's taxes and reporting requirements; the effect of the vote by the U.K. to leave the EU; changes in regulatory regimes and accounting rules that may impact financial results irrespective of business operations; the Company's need to make many estimates and judgments in the preparation of its

financial statements; and other factors affecting future results disclosed in RenaissanceRe's filings with the SEC, including its Annual Reports on Form 10-K and Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q.

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