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### AMO APPOINTS CO-CHAIRMAN

**London/New York, 12 November 2008** - Angus Maitland, Chairman of the London based financial communications consultancy, Maitland, has been appointed Co-Chairman of AMO, the world's leading financial communications network, which was co-founded by Maitland in 2001.

Angus Maitland's Co-Chairman is Jim Abernathy, who has chaired the network out of New York since its formation. He is Chairman and Chief Executive of Maitland's American sister company, The Abernathy MacGregor Group, one of the premier financial communications consultancies in North America.

Jim Abernathy said:

"Having co-founded AMO more than seven years ago when we first formalised our integrated services offer across the Atlantic, I am delighted that Angus is joining me in supporting our network's growth and ongoing success as Co-Chairman in London, the hub of our European cross-border activities. With the increasing pace and influence of the Anglo-Saxon media, yet the importance of the local language press in Continental Europe, we believe AMO's multinational clients will benefit from this enhanced geographical balance and management strength."

Having advised on some 500 deals worth more than \$600bn in 2007/2008, AMO is a consistent leader in European and North American M&A league tables of financial PR advisers, and its individual network members each have a track record of their own of being at the top of the rankings in their home markets.

Angus Maitland said:

"AMO is increasingly being recognised as the premier international financial communications network and we intend to continue to expand the network's 'best in class' strategy. Most recently, Hirzel.Neef.Schmid.Counselors, Switzerland's top financial communications advisory firm, has joined AMO and we expect to be in a position to make a further announcement on the network's expansion in the near future."

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#### About AMO

Founded in 2001, AMO is the leading international network of strategic and financial communications consultancies in the main financial centres in Europe and the Americas. The group of established local market experts provides sophisticated cross-border advice in critical situations surrounding M&A and capital market transactions as well as media relations, investor relations and corporate crises. Consistently ranked at the top of M&A league tables of financial PR advisers by Mergermarket, AMO was named Financial Consultancy of the Year by The Holmes Report in 2006. AMO's 'best in class' philosophy brings together local market leaders with unrivalled knowledge of financial markets and cross-border transactions on both sides of the Atlantic.

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