



# Press Release

## Markel launches marine line in Canada through Elliott Special Risks

Markel International, London, April 2, 2012 – Elliott Special Risks (ESR), the Canadian company acquired by Markel International in 2009, has hired a team of four marine professionals for its Montreal office. This marks the launch of an ESR marine product line Canada.

The new team members are Diane Brisson, Anna Maria Tonin, Matthieu Laffeter and Andy Gordon. They have experience at AXA/Intact and will provide liability, hull and cargo coverage.

The new marine line adds to Markel's global reputation as a marine and energy insurer. Commenting, Mario Sousa, president of ESR, said: "Our aim is to offer brokers the best niche insurance products and service in Canada. Our new team has a wealth of marine experience and is backed by the Markel name, which is renowned for specialist products and marine capability."

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