



## **HDI Global Insurance Company Strengthens its U.S. Engineering Lines & Construction Division**

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**Industrial lines insurer HDI Global Insurance Company has announced recent hires to its Engineering Lines and Construction division.**

Mark Groenheide, Vice President, Engineering Lines Underwriting Manager, is responsible for the strategic growth of the portfolio and will lead all North American underwriting efforts. He joins from Generali U.S. in New York, where he served as Vice President and North American Practice Leader of the Construction division. He received his Bachelor of Arts degree in Communications Studies from the College of Charleston.

Nicholas Mazza, Assistant Vice President, Senior Engineering Lines Underwriter, is responsible for the East and West Coast regions. Having held various leadership positions with ACE, XL Group, and AXA, he brings 10+ years of underwriting experience and a wealth of insurance knowledge to the team. Nick received his Bachelor of Science degree in Statistics and Operations Research from The University of Illinois at Chicago.

Serena Wannemacher, CRIS, Senior Engineering Lines Underwriter, is responsible for all underwriting for the South and Southwest regions. She joins from AIG, where she was most recently a Senior Construction Underwriter. She has worked for several leading brokerage firms in Texas, including AON and JLT. She received her Associate of Science in Information Management Systems from the Community College of the Air Force.

Rachel Oleniacz, CPCU, Engineering Lines Underwriter, is responsible for all underwriting in the State of Hawaii. She joins from Swett & Crawford, where most recently she was an Account Manager handling spe-

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cialized risks such as vacant buildings, large fine art schedules, and builder's risks. She received her Bachelor of Business Administration degree from The University of Hawaii – Shidler College of Business.

Tom Vala, Engineering Lines Underwriter, joins from HDI Global SE, Australia, where most recently he served as Construction and Engineering Lines Assistant Underwriter. In his new role, he is in charge of all underwriting for the Central and Southeast regions. Prior to joining HDI, he worked in London as a Bonus Account Executive for Aviva. He started his career as a Heavy Transport Underwriter at Lumley Insurance in Sydney. He received his diploma in Insurance through The Australian and New Zealand Institute of Insurance and Finance (ANZIIF).

Ashley Brice, CRIS, Associate Engineering Lines Underwriter, joins from Starr Companies, where most recently she was a Junior Construction Underwriter. In her new role, she will handle all underwriting for the Northwest and Midwest regions. She received her Bachelor of Arts degree in Communication Studies and Marketing from Western Illinois University.

#### **About HDI**

As an industrial lines insurer, HDI Global SE (HDI) meets the needs of SMEs, industrial companies and corporate customers with insurance solutions that are specifically tailored to their requirements. In addition to HDI's prominent position in the German and broader European market, the company also has operations in more than 130 countries through foreign branch offices, subsidiary and peer companies, and network partners. The company is thus able to offer its customers local policies for their global operations, which ensure that the established service and insurance protection is extended for all covered risks world-wide.

In the USA, HDI operates with its subsidiary HDI Global Insurance Company, a commercial property and casualty insurer headquartered in Chicago, IL and licensed in all 50 states, Washington D.C., Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Virgin Islands. The company provides commercial insurance solutions to international clients of HDI Global SE and other affiliated Talanx Group companies, as well as national and international commercial property & casualty insurance programs for U.S. domiciled corporations.



HDI Global SE is a company in the Talanx Group and manages the Industrial Lines Division within the Group. More than three thousand employees in this division generated gross written premiums of approx. EUR 4.3 billion in the year 2016. The rating agency Standard & Poor's has given the Talanx Primary Group a financial strength rating of A+/stable (strong). Talanx AG is listed on the Frankfurt Stock Exchange in the MDAX as well as on the stock exchanges in Hannover and Warsaw (ISIN: DE000TLX1005, German Securities Code: TLX100, Polish Securities Code: TNX).

You can find additional information by going to [www.hdi.global](http://www.hdi.global) and by going to [www.talanx.com](http://www.talanx.com).

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