



HDI Further Expands its U.S. Engineering Lines & Construction Division

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Industrial lines insurer HDI Global Insurance Company (HDI) has announced recent hires in its Engineering Lines and Construction division.

John Schossler, CPCU, CRIS, has been appointed Assistant Vice President, Casualty Construction Manager. In this role, John will lead all efforts in the development of this segment by cultivating deeper relationships with producers and accelerating HDI's market presence throughout the U.S.

John joins HDI from CNA, where he most recently was an Underwriting Director in their National Accounts unit, handling some of the company's largest and complex construction writings. Prior to CNA, John worked at Travelers and St. Paul Fire & Marine Insurance Company.

"John is a proven leader and has strong knowledge of large casualty and construction risks," said Jim Clark, Chief Underwriting Officer and Senior Vice President of HDI. "His underwriting expertise and portfolio management make him uniquely suited to lead our U.S. Casualty Construction division and serve the needs of our local agents and brokers."

Casualty construction risks will primarily be written under HDI's newly formed excess and surplus lines subsidiary, HDI Specialty Insurance Company (HDI Specialty).

Further additions to the division include:

Andre Youngblood, Senior Engineering Lines Underwriter will oversee all underwriting efforts for the Midwest region. Andre started his commercial insurance career with The Chubb Group of Insurance Companies. Most recently, he was the Midwest region Package and Small Business Director for Allianz Global Corporate and Specialty.

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Frank Tomasello, Senior Engineering Lines Underwriter is responsible for all underwriting across the East Coast. Frank joins HDI from Seneca Insurance Company, where he was most recently a lead property underwriter, handling all new and renewal business within the Midwest.

Ryan Hornbeck, Senior Engineering Lines Underwriter will lead all underwriting efforts across the Pacific Northwest. Ryan brings over eighteen years of insurance and reinsurance experience, most recently as an Executive Underwriter for Allianz's Midwest region. Prior to that, he underwrote property facultative reinsurance for XL Catlin and Gen-Re.

“Over the past twenty-four months, HDI has invested heavily in the U.S. market, attracting top quality underwriting talent and expanding our products and services to meet our clients' evolving needs,” said Mark Groenheide, Vice President, Engineering Lines Underwriting Manager. “We are very pleased to have a collection of seasoned underwriters join HDI as we continue to increase our footprint throughout the United States.”

About HDI Global SE (HDI):

HDI Global SE is a leading international industrial lines insurer and member of the Talanx Group. With over 3,000 employees worldwide, HDI is active in more than 130 countries through subsidiaries and network partners. In the United States, HDI operates through its subsidiaries, HDI Global Insurance Company, a commercial property and casualty insurer headquartered in Chicago, Illinois and licensed in all 50 states, Washington D.C., Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Virgin Islands; and HDI Specialty Insurance Company, an Illinois domestic surplus lines insurer also authorized to write business nationwide.

HDI Global SE, HDI Global Insurance Company and HDI Specialty hold Financial Strength Ratings of A (Excellent), XV from A.M. Best.



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