

## Argo Group Hires David Higley as Head of U.S. Property and Inland Marine

HAMILTON, Bermuda – October 13, 2017 – Argo Group International Holdings, Ltd. (NASDAQ: <u>AGII</u>), an international underwriter of specialty insurance and reinsurance products, today announced the appointment of David Higley as head of U.S. property and inland marine. Higley will report to Ron Vindivich, president, E&S, Colony Specialty, and will lead the Group's newly formed U.S. property unit, made up of Alteris Property, Colony Specialty Property and Ariel Specialty Insurance Managers. He will also lead the Group's inland marine division.

"This is a significant step in simplifying Argo's property business in an effort to enhance service and accelerate growth," said Vindivich. "The newly combined operation also enables us to more clearly articulate our business appetite.

"David's extensive industry expertise, proven ability to lead profitable books of business, and established network of strong client relationships make him the ideal candidate to realize the full potential of our U.S. property business."

With almost 30 years of industry experience, Higley joins Argo from The Hartford, where he served as vice president, head of marine and livestock segments. Prior to The Hartford, he worked at Allianz Global and Corporate Specialty as market management executive. Higley also served as senior vice president, regional sales executive at Fireman's Fund; vice president and chief operating officer at HONY Workers Compensation Trust; and branch vice president at Royal and Sun Alliance. He started his career in the industry at United Community Insurance. Higley holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in political science from State University of New York at Albany.

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