



BERMUDA NATIONAL GALLERY

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**Endurance confirms continued support of the  
Bermuda National Gallery**

*Hamilton, Bermuda, March 7, 2008* — Endurance Specialty Insurance Ltd. has recently confirmed its ongoing commitment to the Bermuda National Gallery by generously providing \$60,000 in sponsorship for the museum's current Winter Exhibitions.

The Bermuda-based global specialty insurance and reinsurance provider has sponsored the Winter Exhibitions for the past four years and Dan Izard, President of Endurance Specialty Insurance Ltd. said: "Endurance is pleased to continue our sponsorship of the annual Winter Exhibition. The Winter Exhibition offers great educational opportunities to the community by exhibiting art from around the globe while also showcasing Bermudian art. We are proud to support the Bermuda National Gallery and its role in the local art scene."

Laura Gorham, Director of the BNG, said: "We are extremely grateful for the ongoing support of Endurance. Knowing that we have valued support such as this enables the Gallery to plan quality future exhibitions with confidence."

Gita Blakeney-Saltus, Business Development Director of the Bermuda National Gallery, said:  
“The relationship that has been developed between the Bermuda National Gallery and Endurance over the past four years is one that is deeply valued, and speaks to the sincere commitment that Endurance has made to Bermuda and all her people. We appreciate their support, and look forward to continuing this partnership into the future.”

Artist and art critic Charles Zuill paid tribute to the contribution of Endurance recently in a review of the current exhibitions in *The Royal Gazette*. He wrote:

“The quality exhibitions that many have come expect from the Bermuda National Gallery are not inexpensive arrangements. These exhibitions would be unimaginable without support of various organisations and the present Winter Exhibitions are no exception.”

The Winter Exhibitions include one of the most historically important American collections of Inuit Art; a tribute to the late Byllee Lang, an influential figure in the Island’s post-War art scene; and *African Affinities*, which explores the African influence on contemporary art. The exhibitions continue to April 4.

**PHOTO CAPTION:**

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**It’s a deal! Dan Izard, President & CEO of Endurance Specialty Insurance Ltd. shakes hands with Bermuda National Gallery chairman Gary Phillips.**

*Pictured from left:* Mark Pougnet (Chief Financial Officer, Endurance Specialty Insurance Ltd.), Shirley Nosakhere-Fountain (Operations Manager, Endurance Specialty Insurance Ltd.), Cheryl Robinson (Human Resources Manager, Endurance Specialty Insurance Ltd.), Gary Phillips (Chairman, Bermuda National Gallery), Dan Izard (President & Chief Executive Officer, Endurance Specialty Insurance Ltd.), Laura Gorham (Director, Bermuda National Gallery), Cathy Kalaydjian (Chief Claims Officer, Endurance Specialty Holdings Ltd.), Gita Blakeney-Saltus (Business Development Director, Bermuda National Gallery).

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**Note to editors**

***About the Bermuda National Gallery:***

*Opened in 1992 and located in the City Hall & Arts Centre in Hamilton, the Bermuda National Gallery is both the home of Bermuda's national art collection and the centre of the Island's thriving arts scene. It is the Island's leading art museum with a richly diverse exhibition programme of past and present works by local and international artists that reflects Bermuda's varied artistic heritage and multicultural community. The Bermuda National Gallery is open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. from Monday to Saturday. Admission free. For more details visit [www.bng.bm](http://www.bng.bm).*

***About Endurance:***

*Endurance Specialty Holdings Ltd., through its operating subsidiaries, is a global specialty insurance and reinsurance provider with over 700 employees in Bermuda, the United Kingdom and the United States. Endurance Specialty Insurance Ltd., the company's Bermuda operating subsidiary, was formed in 2001 and currently writes property catastrophe reinsurance, casualty treaty reinsurance, excess casualty and professional liability insurance as well as other specialty business lines such as aerospace and healthcare. Endurance is publicly traded on the NYSE and has grown to \$7.3 billion in assets and maintains excellent financial strength as evidenced by the ratings of A (Excellent) from A.M. Best (XV size category) and A (Strong) from Standard and Poor's on our principal operating subsidiaries. For more information, please visit us at [www.endurance.bm](http://www.endurance.bm).*