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Axis Insurance Welcomes Ben Preston as Senior Vice President of Energy, Transportation, & Agribusiness

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CALGARY, Alberta--(BUSINESS WIRE)-- Axis Insurance Managers Inc. (Axis Insurance) is thrilled to announce a new senior executive to the team. Ben Preston joins Axis as Senior Vice President of Energy, Transportation, & Agribusiness, bringing more than 20 years' experience.

Ben started his career at a boutique firm specializing in oil and gas, where he quickly grew from drafting letters to managing some of the firm's largest and most complex accounts. This early exposure provided solid foundation in understanding client needs and delivering tailored solutions.

During his time at Marsh, starting in the Business Development team Ben then went on to lead the SME team in the Calgary office for two years. After which he served as a Senior Vice President and Senior Relationship Officer for some of the largest multinational onshore contractors and producers in the oil and gas sector. During this time he looked after a \$4MM global revenue book including offshore captive insurance companies, providing global coverage advice, premium calculations, collateral structuring—He also managed project teams globally to maintain an Excellence in Service delivery model, ensuring clients received top-tier support across borders.

Ben will continue this commitment to delivering innovative insurance solutions by driving regional development across Alberta and the prairies, focusing on energy, transportation, and agribusiness. At Axis, Ben's goal is to help clients navigate complex risks with confidence and clarity, always emphasizing excellence in customer experience.

Axis Insurance is an award-winning brokerage serving local, national, and international clients with risk management and insurance services. Their professionals analyze business and personal risk to provide advice and solutions to mitigate, reduce, or transfer those risks. With roots dating back to 1928, and over 300 employees, Axis

Insurance has emerged as a leading national brokerage, and one of the fastest growing brokerages in the country.

Axis is a full-service brokerage firm specializing in commercial, life, employee benefits, and wealth advisory services. They are dedicated to delivering superior risk analysis and expert advice, creating tailored solutions that effectively manage, minimize, and transfer risk.

Axis' journey to over \$380 million in written premium has been driven by twelve strategic acquisitions and strong organic growth, fueled by the success of 16 specialized practice groups. In addition to their core offerings, Axis has strategically invested in innovative companies, expanding their solutions to better serve clients.

Driven by a strong corporate culture, employees at Axis have the opportunity to own equity in the firm, fostering top performance and enabling them to share in the company's success.

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