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PartnerRe Ltd. Reports Second Quarter and Half Year 2012 Results

- **Second Quarter Operating Earnings per share of \$2.20; Net Income per share of \$2.50**
- **Second Quarter Annualized Operating ROE of 10.4%; Annualized Net Income ROE of 11.8%**
- **Half Year Operating Earnings per share of \$4.97; Net Income per share of \$7.76**
- **Half Year Annualized Operating ROE of 11.7%; Annualized Net Income ROE of 18.3%**
- **Book Value of \$91.88 per share, up 2.5% for the quarter and up 8.3% year-to-date.**

PEMBROKE, Bermuda, July 30, 2012 -- PartnerRe Ltd. (NYSE, Euronext: PRE) today reported net income of \$176.1 million, or \$2.50 per share for the second quarter of 2012. This net income includes net after-tax realized and unrealized gains on investments of \$18.3 million, or \$0.29 per share. Net income for the second quarter of 2011 was \$124.2 million, or \$1.69 per share, including net after-tax realized and unrealized gains on investments of \$41.0 million, or \$0.60 per share. The Company recorded operating earnings of \$142.0 million, or \$2.20 per share, for the second quarter of 2012. This compares to operating earnings of \$67.2 million, or \$0.98 per share, for the second quarter of 2011.

Net income for the first six months of 2012 was \$536.3 million, or \$7.76 per share. This net income includes net after-tax realized and unrealized gains on investments of \$177.5 million, or \$2.73 per share. Net loss for the first six months of 2011 was \$682.8 million, or \$10.32 per share, including net after-tax realized and unrealized losses on investments of \$47.4 million, or \$0.70 per share. Operating earnings for the first six months of 2012 were \$323.7 million, or \$4.97 per share. This compares to an operating loss of \$668.4 million, or \$9.86 per share, for the first six months of 2011.

Operating earnings or loss excludes net after-tax realized and unrealized investment gains and losses, net after-tax foreign exchange gains and losses, and certain net after-tax interest in results of equity investments, and is calculated after the payment of preferred dividends. All references to per share amounts in the text of this press release are on a fully diluted basis.

Commenting on results for the second quarter of 2012, PartnerRe President & Chief Executive Officer Costas Miranthis said, “We had a solid second quarter driven by strong underwriting results. This, together with our good first quarter results, led to a combined ratio of 87.8% for the first half of 2012, and a 11.7% operating return on beginning equity for the six month period. Despite a difficult investment environment, our portfolio did well, recording modest gains. Our year-to-date operating performance, as well as the significant portfolio gains in the first quarter, resulted in book value per share growth of approximately 8 percent year-to-date. We continue to be active on the capital management front, while maintaining a strong capital position as we head into the U.S. wind season.”

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Mr. Miranthis added, “The renewal environment overall was positive, with risk-adjusted rate improvement in several lines, but it remains fragmented. Further, the pace of improvement, particularly in catastrophe-exposed lines, appears to have decelerated, and sustainability of current rates and trends in cat will be dependent on loss activity for the remainder of the year. I am pleased that we continue to find attractive opportunities to broaden our portfolio; and I am confident that our global footprint and line of business expertise position us well in this challenging operating environment.”

Highlights for the second quarter and first six months of 2012 compared to the same periods in 2011 include:

Results of operations:

- For the second quarter, net premiums written of \$1.1 billion were up 8%, or up 10% on a constant foreign exchange basis, primarily related to new business and increased treaty participations in the North America, Global (Non-U.S.) P&C and Global (Non-U.S.) Specialty sub-segments, and new business in the Life segment. These increases were partially offset by a decrease in the Catastrophe sub-segment net premiums written due to lower reinstatement premiums. For the first six months of 2012, net premiums written were up 3%, or up 5% on a constant foreign exchange basis, primarily for the same reasons described for the second quarter, except for the decrease in the Catastrophe sub-segment net written premiums which was due to reductions of certain exposures.
- For the second quarter, net premiums earned of \$1.1 billion were down 2%, or up 1% on a constant foreign exchange basis. On a constant foreign exchange basis, net premiums earned increased in the North America and Global (Non-U.S.) Specialty sub-segments and Life segment due to new business and increased treaty participations. These increases were partially offset by decreases in the Global (Non-U.S.) P&C and Catastrophe sub-segments due to the effect of the Company’s decisions in prior quarters to cancel and non-renew business. For the first six months of 2012, net premiums earned were down 4%, or 2% on a constant foreign exchange basis, primarily for the same reasons described for the second quarter.
- For the second quarter, the Non-life combined ratio was 90.6% and included 12.9 points (or \$115 million) of net favorable loss development on prior accident years. All Non-life sub-segments except the Catastrophe sub-segment, which was flat, experienced net favorable development on prior accident years during the second quarter of 2012. For the first six months of 2012, the Non-life combined ratio was 87.8% and included 16.5% points (or \$279 million) of net favorable loss development on prior accident years.

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- For the second quarter and first six months of 2012, net investment income of \$153 million and \$300 million, respectively, were down 3%, or 2% on a constant foreign exchange basis compared to the applicable prior year periods, primarily reflecting lower reinvestment rates.
- For the second quarter, pre-tax net realized and unrealized investment gains were \$38 million and primarily related to decreases in risk-free interest rates. For the first six months of 2012, pre-tax net realized and unrealized investment gains were \$231 million and primarily related to narrowing credit spreads, increases in the market value of equities and decreases in risk-free interest rates.
- For the second quarter, the effective tax rate on operating earnings and non-operating earnings was 13% and 59%, respectively. For the first six months of 2012, the effective tax rate on operating earnings and non-operating earnings was 14% and 24%, respectively.

Balance sheet and capitalization:

- Total investments, cash and funds held – directly managed were \$17.8 billion at June 30, 2012, down 1% compared to December 31, 2011.
- Net Non-life loss and loss expense reserves were \$10.3 billion at June 30, 2012, down 5% compared to December 31, 2011 primarily due to loss payments associated with 2011 catastrophe events.
- Net policy benefits for life and annuity contracts were \$1.6 billion at June 30, 2012, down 1% compared to December 31, 2011.
- Total capital was \$7.5 billion at June 30, 2012, up 3% from \$7.3 billion at December 31, 2011. The increase was primarily driven by net income of \$536 million for the first six months of 2012, partially offset by share repurchases and common and preferred dividend payments.
- During the second quarter of 2012, the Company repurchased approximately 3 million common shares at a total cost of approximately \$210 million. During the period July 1, 2012 through July 27, 2012, the Company repurchased approximately 350 thousand common shares at a total cost of approximately \$26 million. At July 30, 2012, approximately 1.8 million common shares remained under the current repurchase authorization
- Total shareholders' equity was \$6.7 billion at June 30, 2012, up 4% compared to \$6.5 billion at December 31, 2011. The increase was driven by the factors described for under total capital.
- Book value per common share was \$91.88 on a fully diluted basis at June 30, 2012, up 8% compared to \$84.82 per diluted share at December 31, 2011. The increase was driven by the factors described for under total capital and the accretive impact of share repurchases.

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Segment and sub-segment highlights for the second quarter and first six months of 2012 compared to the same periods in 2011 include:

Non-life:

- All Non-life sub-segments, except for the Catastrophe sub-segment, reported an increase in net premiums written compared to the second quarter and first six months of 2011. These increases were primarily due to new business and increased treaty participations, which were partially offset by the effects of business cancelled and non-renewed in prior quarters.
- For the second quarter, the North America sub-segment's net premiums written were up 12% primarily due to the late binding of a significant January 1 agriculture treaty in April 2012 and increased treaty participations in the property line of business, which were partially offset by non-renewals. This sub-segment reported a technical ratio of 87.5%, which included 13.4 points (or \$38 million) of net favorable prior year loss development. For the first six months of 2012, the North America sub-segment's net premiums written were up 5% primarily due to the same factors describing the second quarter, partially offset by an experience driven premium adjustment related to favorable results from the 2011 crop year. This sub-segment reported a technical ratio of 85.6%, which included 19.1 points (or \$100 million) of net favorable prior year loss development.
- For the second quarter, the Global (Non-U.S.) P&C sub-segment's net premiums written were up 6%, or 10% on a constant foreign exchange basis, due to the impact of new business in the motor line of business. This increase was partially offset by the effects of cancellations in prior quarters. This sub-segment reported a technical ratio of 96.2%, which included 11.0 points (or \$18 million) of net favorable prior year loss development. For the first six months of 2012, the Global (Non-U.S.) P&C sub-segment's net premiums written were up 8%, or 11% on a constant foreign exchange basis, primarily due to the same factors describing the second quarter. This sub-segment reported a technical ratio of 90.9%, which included 14.1 points (or \$46 million) of net favorable prior year loss development.
- For the second quarter, the Global (Non-U.S.) Specialty sub-segment's net premiums written were up 18%, or 21% on a constant foreign exchange basis, primarily due to increases from almost all lines of business driven by new business, increased treaty participations and positive premium adjustments. This sub-segment reported a technical ratio of 84.3%, which included 16.1 points (or \$59 million) of net favorable prior year loss development. For the first six months of 2012, the Global (Non-U.S.) Specialty sub-segment's net premiums written were up 15%, or 17% on a constant foreign exchange basis, primarily due to the same factors describing the second

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quarter. This sub-segment reported a technical ratio of 85.0%, which included 17.0 points (or \$114 million) of net favorable prior year loss development.

- For the second quarter, the Catastrophe sub-segment's net premiums written were down 10% primarily related to lower reinstatement premiums, with new business written in non-peak catastrophe zones being offset by reductions in certain exposures. This sub-segment reported a technical ratio of 30.8%, with no prior year net reserve development. For the first six months of 2012, the Catastrophe sub-segment's net premiums written were down 20%, primarily due to the non-renewal of certain business at January 1 and April 1 and a reduction in reinstatement premiums, which were partially offset by new business. This sub-segment reported a technical ratio of 20.8%, which included 11.4 points (or \$19 million) of net favorable prior year loss development.

Life:

- For the second quarter, the Life segment's net premiums written increased by 2%, or 6% on a constant foreign exchange basis, primarily due to new longevity business written in the fourth quarter of 2011. This increase was partially offset by decreases in mortality business. For the first six months of 2012, the Life segment's net premiums written were up 3%, or 6% on a constant foreign exchange basis, primarily due to the same factors describing the second quarter.
- The Life allocated underwriting result, which includes allocated investment income and operating expenses, decreased to \$6 million in the second quarter of 2012 compared to \$12 million in the same period of 2011. The decrease was primarily due to an increased level of claims activity on certain mortality business. The Life allocated underwriting result increased to \$26 million for the first six months of 2012, compared to \$24 million in the same period of 2011. The increase was primarily the result of a higher level of net investment income reported by cedants.

Corporate and Other:

- For the second quarter, investment and capital markets activities contributed income of \$171 million to pre-tax net income, excluding investment income allocated to the Life segment. Of this amount, income of \$134 million was included in pre-tax operating earnings and an additional \$37 million in net realized and unrealized gains on investments and earnings from equity investee companies was included in pre-tax non-operating income. For the first six months of 2012, investment and capital markets activities contributed income of \$498 million to pre-tax net income, excluding investment income allocated to the Life segment. Of this amount, income of \$263 million was included in pre-tax operating earnings and an additional \$235

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million in net realized and unrealized gains on investments and earnings from equity investee companies was included in pre-tax non-operating income.

Separately, as announced by the Company today, the Board of Directors declared a quarterly dividend of \$0.62 per common share. The dividend will be payable on August 31, 2012, to common shareholders of record on August 20, 2012, with the stock trading ex-dividend commencing August 16, 2012.

The Company has posted its second quarter 2012 financial supplement on its website www.partnerre.com in the Investor Relations section on the Financial Reports page under Supplementary Financial Data, which includes a reconciliation of GAAP and non-GAAP measures.

The Company will hold a dial-in conference call and question and answer session with investors at 10 a.m. Eastern tomorrow, July 31. Investors and analysts are encouraged to call in 15 minutes prior to the commencement of the call. The conference call can be accessed by dialing (877) 627-6544 or, from outside the United States, by dialing (719) 325-4923. The media are invited to listen to the call live over the Internet on the Investor Relations section of PartnerRe's web site, www.partnerre.com. To listen to the webcast, please log on to the broadcast at least five minutes prior to the start.

Net income/loss per share is defined as net income/loss available to common shareholders divided by the weighted average number of fully diluted shares outstanding for the period. Net income/loss available to common shareholders is defined as net income/loss less preferred dividends. Operating earnings/loss is defined as net income/loss available to common shareholders excluding after-tax net realized and unrealized gains/losses on investments, after-tax net foreign exchange gains/losses and certain after-tax interest in earnings/losses of equity investments. Operating earnings/loss per share is defined as operating earnings/loss divided by the weighted average number of fully diluted shares outstanding for the period.

The Company uses operating earnings, diluted operating earnings per share and annualized operating return on beginning diluted book value per common and common share equivalents outstanding to measure performance, as these measures focus on the underlying fundamentals of our operations without the impact of after-tax net realized and unrealized gains/losses on investments, after-tax net foreign exchange gains/losses, and the after-tax interest in earnings/losses of equity investments, where the investee's operations are not

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insurance or reinsurance related and where the Company does not control the investee companies' activities. The Company uses technical ratio and technical result as measures of underwriting performance. The technical ratio is defined as the sum of the loss and acquisition ratios. These metrics exclude other operating expenses. The Company also uses combined ratio to measure results for the Non-life segment. The combined ratio is the sum of the technical and other operating expense ratios. The Company uses allocated underwriting result as a measure of underwriting performance for its Life operations. This metric is defined as net premiums earned, other income or loss and allocated net investment income less life policy benefits, acquisition costs and other operating expenses. The Company uses total capital, which is defined as total shareholders' equity, long-term debt, senior notes and CENts, to manage the capital structure of the Company.

PartnerRe Ltd. is a leading global reinsurer, providing multi-line reinsurance to insurance companies. The Company, through its wholly owned subsidiaries, also offers capital markets products that include weather and credit protection to financial, industrial and service companies. Risks reinsured include property, casualty, motor, agriculture, aviation/space, catastrophe, credit/surety, engineering, energy, marine, specialty property, specialty casualty, multiline and other lines, mortality, longevity and health, and alternative risk products. For the year ended December 31, 2011, total revenues were \$5.4 billion. At June 30, 2012, total assets were \$23.1 billion, total capital was \$7.5 billion and total shareholders' equity was \$6.7 billion.

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