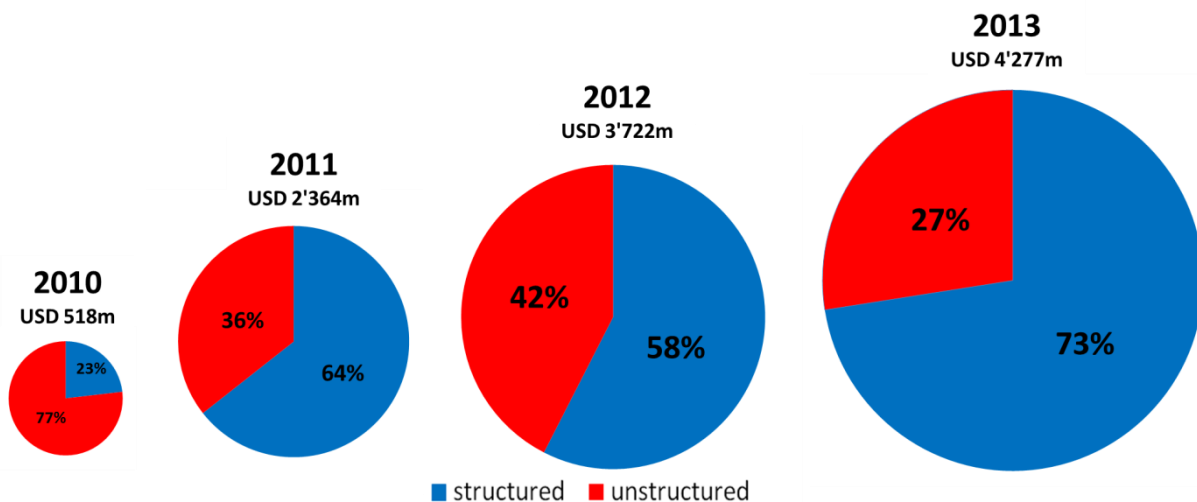




MORE THAN USD 4BN OF PERILS-BASED LIMITS AT RISK

Zurich, 8 September 2013 - PERILS AG, the independent Zurich-based company providing industry-wide catastrophe insurance data, has today announced that the total limits at risk using PERILS industry loss data as at 1 September 2013 was USD 4.3bn. Since launching the Industry Loss Index Service in December 2009, a total of more than USD 8.0bn of limits has been placed through more than 100 transactions using PERILS data.

Of the USD 4.3bn of PERILS-based capacity at risk as at 1 September 2013, USD 2.66bn (62%) was in the form of Insurance-Linked Securities (ILS, 144A), while USD 1.62bn (38%) was in the form of private industry loss warranty (ILW) and derivative transactions. 73% of the transacted Cat capacity used the high-resolution data provided by PERILS to structure bespoke industry loss triggers. Such tailor-made triggers result in a significantly lower basis risk compared to conventional industry-loss-triggered protection.



As at 1 September 2013, a total of USD 4.3bn of PERILS-based limits was at risk. The total amount of limits placed since PERILS was founded is USD 8bn. The share of structured capacity increased to 73% (1 Sep 2013) from 23% (1 Sep 2010).

Commenting on the usage of PERILS data in risk transfer, Eduard Held, Head of Products at PERILS, said: "The PERILS industry loss index has become the industry loss trigger of choice for transferring European storm risk to reinsurers and capital markets. Close to three quarters of the transacted capacity uses the available data granularity to structure protection triggers. Applying weighting factors by CRESTA zone, country or property lines of business significantly reduces the basis risk for the protection buyer. At the same time, disclosure requirements remain at very manageable levels. This makes risk transfer using structured PERILS triggers a highly effective and efficient risk management tool."

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Luzi Hitz, CEO of PERILS, added: “Five years ago, the CRO Forum launched the PERILS industry initiative with the aim of making objective and independent Cat data more readily available. Since then we have made great progress. Our data are widely used in risk assessment, Cat model validation and portfolio benchmarking, and we have de facto become the standard for industry-loss based risk transfer for European windstorm. We are very grateful to see such a broad use of our data. For us, it is the rewarding evidence that the work we do is of significant value to the insurance industry.”

About PERILS

PERILS is an independent Zurich-based organization providing industry-wide natural catastrophe exposure and claims data. The PERILS Industry Exposure & Loss Database is available to all interested parties via annual subscription. The database contains industry property sums insured and loss information for eleven European countries on a CRESTA zone level and per property line of business. PERILS industry loss estimates, provided via the PERILS Industry Loss Index Service, can be used as triggers in insurance risk transactions such as industry loss warranty contracts (ILW) or insurance-linked securities (ILS). The use of PERILS exposure and loss data other than in conjunction with a valid PERILS License and according to its terms, by a Licensee or an Authorized User as defined in the License, is illegal and expressly forbidden.

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