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## Zurich to early redeem USD 1 billion of Trust Preferred Securities

Zurich, March 30, 2017 – Zurich Insurance Group (Zurich) today announced that it intends to exercise its option to redeem USD 1 billion of subordinated debt prior to its scheduled maturity date. The net amount outstanding is USD 501 million.

The USD 1 billion Trust Preferred Securities, issued in 2007 by ZFS Finance (USA) Trust V (the "Issuer"), are expected to be redeemed by the Issuer on May 9, 2017 at par plus accrued interest.

**Zurich Insurance Group (Zurich)** is a leading multi-line insurer that serves its customers in global and local markets. With about 54,000 employees, it provides a wide range of property and casualty, and life insurance products and services in more than 210 countries and territories. Zurich's customers include individuals, small businesses, and mid-sized and large companies, as well as multinational corporations. The Group is headquartered in Zurich, Switzerland, where it was founded in 1872. The holding company, Zurich Insurance Group Ltd (ZURN), is listed on the SIX Swiss Exchange and has a level I American Depositary Receipt (ZURVY) program, which is traded over-the-counter on OTCQX. Further information about Zurich is available at www.zurich.com.

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