

## **RUTHERFOORD, MARSH & McLENNAN AGENCY CELEBRATES 100 YEARS OF BUSINESS**

Richmond, VA – April 21, 2016 – Rutherford, a Marsh & McLennan Agency LLC Company, one of the leading insurance brokers in the country is celebrating its 100th anniversary in 2016. The centennial commemoration will span the course of the next twelve months as the company looks back at key moments in its history and celebrates with events for clients, employees and carrier partners.

The Rutherford family has been involved with the insurance industry since 1794. In 1916, a member of the family's third generation, Thomas Rutherford, founded the firm that exists today and includes his grandson as a principal in the company and a great-grandson as a sales professional. In the beginning, Thomas Rutherford, Inc., directed its focus on the construction industry and provided specialized solutions and programs that catered specifically to general contractors.

Rutherford added services and acquired talent to meet the needs of its largely commercial clientele and eventually expanded into North Carolina, Georgia, Alabama and Pennsylvania. The firm also expanded its expertise beyond construction to more than 17 industries and practice areas that include risk management, employee benefits, international insurance programs and personal insurance. By the close of 2009, Rutherford was the 32nd largest brokerage firm in the United States.

In March of 2010, Rutherford joined Marsh & McLennan Agency LLC (MMA). As a founding firm, Rutherford is responsible for leading the Mid-Atlantic Region of MMA with ten partner firms. The region today includes over 600 colleagues, working out of nineteen office locations from King of Prussia, Pennsylvania, to Mobile, Alabama. This partnership opened a wealth of new opportunities to provide to their clients including the worldwide expertise of the largest broker in the world, Marsh, technology solutions, and enhanced industry expertise all while maintaining the local touch to its clients and local communities.

"While we have experienced incredible growth and are now able to provide resources and tools to our clients that we would not have had access to prior to MMA, we are very proud to celebrate our history and how we got here today," says Thomas R. Brown, Chairman of Rutherford, a Marsh & McLennan Agency Company. "My grandfather started this firm 100 years ago and I can say to this day we still pride ourselves on providing a personalized experience for our clients, we encourage involvement in our local communities, and we strive to provide a fun and challenging workplace environment for our employees. We truly can deliver World Class resources with the Local Touch."

**About Rutherford** - Founded in 1916, Rutherford has grown from its Virginia roots to one of the largest risk management and insurance brokerage firms in the United States, with offices from Philadelphia to the Gulf Coast region and client operations in all 50 states and more than 80 countries. Rutherford provides exceptional expertise and service to a broad portfolio of clients in commercial insurance, risk management, surety bonding, employee benefits, international and personal insurance. Rutherford is a Marsh & McLennan Agency LLC company.

**About Marsh & McLennan Agency**- Marsh & McLennan Agency LLC, a subsidiary of Marsh, was established in 2008 to meet the needs of midsize businesses in the United States. MMA operates autonomously from Marsh to offer employee benefits, executive benefits, retirement, commercial property and casualty, and personal lines to clients across the United States.

**About Marsh-** Marsh, a global leader in insurance broking and risk management, teams with its clients to define, design, and deliver innovative industry-specific solutions that help them protect their future and thrive. It has approximately 26,000+ colleagues who collaborate to provide advice and transactional capabilities to clients in over 100 countries. Marsh is a wholly owned subsidiary of Marsh & McLennan Companies (NYSE: MMC), a global team of professional services companies offering clients advice and solutions in the areas of risk, strategy and human capital. With 53,000 employees worldwide and annual revenue exceeding \$11 billion, Marsh & McLennan Companies is also the parent company of Guy Carpenter, a global leader in providing risk and reinsurance intermediary services; Mercer, a global leader in human resource consulting and related services; and Oliver Wyman, a global leader in management consulting.

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