

**CONTROL RISKS APPOINTS NEW CHAIR**

London: 9 February 2017: Control Risks, the specialist risk consultancy, is pleased to announce the appointment of Irene Dorner as chair of the company's board. Irene Dorner joined the board as a Non-Executive Director last year and she will succeed Crawford Gillies, who has held the role of chair for nine years.

Richard Fenning, Control Risks CEO said, 'Since joining the board in October last year, Irene has immersed herself in the company with great enthusiasm, and has already made a positive contribution. We look forward to benefitting from her extensive experience'.

Initially qualifying as a barrister, Irene has had a long and distinguished career in banking, predominately with HSBC where, during her thirty year tenure, she undertook a variety of roles including running its operations in Malaysia before becoming President and CEO of HSBC in the United States. In addition to her new role with Control Risks, Irene is also a board member at Rolls Royce plc and AXA.

Irene Dorner said, 'I'm thrilled to be taking on the role of chair as Control Risks embarks upon a new chapter in its history. To be in a position to help the company develop and prosper, and help guide it through the myriad opportunities and challenges that lie ahead is an exciting prospect'.

Richard Fenning continues, 'Irene takes the helm from Crawford Gillies who, during his near-decade with Control Risks, has helped the firm become the modern, diversified risk consultancy it is today. He has shared his invaluable professional expertise, and ensured the management team remained focussed and accountable in its leadership of the company. He has demonstrated deft judgement and been a source of wise counsel, support and guidance for which we are immensely grateful'.

Crawford Gillies commented, 'Over the past decade, it has been deeply rewarding to witness the company blossom into one of world's leading risk advisory firms. After almost 10 years, and with a new ownership structure in place, the business is well set up for the future and it is now an appropriate time for me to move on. I wish my successor, the board and the entire company every success in the future'.

Irene Dorner takes up the role of chair on 1 April.

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**Notes to Editors:****About Control Risks**

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