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**Holborn Adds James Brost and Jeffrey Hawn to Executive Ranks  
Commitment to Region Evidenced by Growing Footprint**

**New York, NY, July 5, 2011**—Holborn Corporation, an independent provider of reinsurance brokerage services, today announced that James Brost and Jeffrey Hawn have joined the firm as senior vice president and vice president, respectively, in the firm's Minneapolis office. Both are Minnesota natives with expertise in the agricultural sector of the business.

"In contrast to the larger public firms that are involved in consolidating and cost-cutting, Holborn is steadily building for the future. And as the firm grows, we continue to benefit from the interest of talented professionals who believe in our independent business model," said Frank T. Harrison, President and CEO. "Jim Brost and Jeff Hawn are highly accomplished brokers and a great fit to our client-centric culture. They help to strengthen our presence in the region's property and casualty industry and support our expansion into the agricultural segment of the business."

Jim Brost commented, "I am delighted to be here. Holborn has incredible analytic capabilities, both in terms of intellectual capital and technology. This is an opportunity to deliver these great resources to agricultural clients. "

Mr. Brost arrives at Holborn from BMS Intermediaries, where he served as executive vice president since 2007. He began his career at EW Blanch in Minneapolis in 1975, and was one of the original founding members of Collins Associates in 1987. He is recognized as an agricultural business expert, and as such, provided testimony before the Agriculture Committee of the U.S. House of Representatives.

" Holborn is aligned with the interests of clients, rather than those of the equity markets," added Jeff Hawn. " They have the critical mass and analytic firepower to offer original solutions to real world issues. It's a pleasure to join a firm that is so stable and focused. "

Mr. Hawn comes to Holborn from BMS Intermediaries. He began his career in 1990 at EW Blanch, where he built his knowledge of the regional property/casualty business. He joined Collins in 1996, where he acquired an expertise in agricultural business. Mr. Hawn graduated from the University of Wisconsin in 1989 with a B.S. degree in business administration.



### **About Holborn**

Holborn Corporation is an independent reinsurance brokerage firm which was founded in 1920 and is headquartered in New York City. Through the adoption of an Employee Stock Ownership Plan (ESOP) during 1998, it became exclusively owned by its employees. For additional information, please visit the Holborn website at [www.holborn.com](http://www.holborn.com).

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