

**Mondial Assistance develops its Business Travel activities  
by appointing Andreas Krugmann**

***Paris, 18 January 2007 – With business travel as a growing strategic segment for the group, Mondial Assistance reinforces its development by creating a Business Travel Industry management position, to which it has appointed Andreas Krugmann.***

Companies are increasingly sending their employees abroad on short and medium term business trips. According to a survey by ECA International, two thirds of the participating companies expect to see international growth in the three coming years.

Yet the dangers of international travel are underestimated. There is therefore a great need for awareness and to deal with the considerable uncertainty on the adequate insurance cover for these employees.

*“Besides increasing risks, it is the ongoing globalisation, forcing business travellers into more mobility, which is decisive for the realignment of our product portfolio, says Andreas Krugmann from Mondial Assistance. “The security of these travellers is increasingly important, also from a corporate social responsibility point of view. Based upon our principle “One call does it all”, Mondial Assistance can provide companies efficient planning, implementation and coverage of business travel worldwide.”*

Andreas Krugmann, 45 years old, will extend, coordinate and develop the already existing international distribution activities of Mondial Assistance for the business travel segment. The existing products will be combined in a single international product portfolio including travel risk management.

In addition to this position, Andreas Krugmann is still in charge of the distribution of business travel products at Elvia Germany (one of the Mondial Assistance German subsidiary), a position he has held now since 2003. Before joining Elvia, he was Business Development Director and Senior consultant for Carlson Wagonlit Travel (2001-2003) and prior to that was the Sales Director for Germany & Central Europe for the Swiss travel group HRG (1999 – 2001).

Erick Morazin, Group Travel Director explains: *“The growing number of business travellers and their emerging new needs are a global phenomenon. The nomination of Andreas, who has thorough expertise in the area of business travel, will help the Group seize all the opportunities to further develop this booming segment”.*

\* Managing international assignments in 2008, ECA International, November 2007

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