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AmTrust Financial Services, Inc. Announces Formation of Special Committee to Review Proposal by Stone Point Capital, the CEO and the Karfunkel Family

NEW YORK, Jan. 10, 2018 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- **AmTrust Financial Services, Inc.** (Nasdaq:AFSI) (the "Company" or "AmTrust"), announced that its board of directors appointed a special committee to consider the January 9, 2018, proposal from private equity funds managed by Stone Point Capital LLC, together with Barry D. Zyskind, Chairman and CEO of AmTrust, George Karfunkel and Leah Karfunkel (collectively, the "Karfunkel-Zyskind Family"), to acquire all of the outstanding shares of common stock of AmTrust that the Karfunkel-Zyskind Family does not already own or control for \$12.25 per share in cash.

The special committee is composed of the following AmTrust directors: Donald T. DeCarlo, Susan C. Fisch, Abraham Gulkowitz and Raul Rivera. Mr. DeCarlo will serve as the chair of the special committee. AmTrust will not move forward with any transaction unless it is approved by the special committee. Any transaction would be subject to a non-waivable condition requiring the approval of a majority of the shares of the Company not owned or controlled by the Karfunkel-Zyskind Family, senior management or their respective affiliates.

Willkie Farr & Gallagher LLP will serve as the independent legal advisor to the special committee to assist in its review of the proposed transaction.

About AmTrust Financial Services, Inc.

AmTrust Financial Services, Inc., a multinational insurance holding company headquartered in New York, offers specialty property and casualty insurance products, including workers' compensation, commercial automobile, general liability and extended service and warranty coverage through its primary insurance subsidiaries rated "A" (Excellent) by A.M. Best. AmTrust is included in the Fortune 500 list of largest companies. For more information about AmTrust visit www.amtrustfinancial.com.

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Forward Looking Statements

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of the performance of financial markets on our investment portfolio, the amounts, timing and prices of any share repurchases made by us under our share repurchase program, development of claims and the effect on loss reserves, accuracy in projecting loss reserves, the cost and availability of reinsurance coverage, the effects of emerging claim and coverage issues, changes in the demand for our products, our degree of success in integrating acquired businesses, the effect of general economic conditions, state and federal legislation, regulations and regulatory investigations into industry practices, the impact of known or potential errors or misstatements in our financial statements, our ability to timely and effectively remediate the material weaknesses in our internal control over financial reporting and implement effective internal control over financial reporting and disclosure controls and procedures in the future, risks associated with conducting business outside the United States, the impact of Brexit, developments relating to existing agreements, disruptions to our business relationships with Maiden Holdings, Ltd. or National General Holdings Corp., breaches in data security or other disruptions with our technology, heightened competition, changes in pricing environments, and changes in asset valuations. Additional information about these risks and uncertainties, as well as others that may cause actual results to differ materially from those projected, is contained in our filings with the SEC, including our Annual Report on Form 10-K and our quarterly reports on Form 10-Q. The projections and statements in this news release speak only as of the date of this release and we undertake no obligation to update or revise any forward-looking statement, whether as a result of new information, future developments or otherwise, except as may be required by law.