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AmTrust Financial Services, Inc. Appoints J. Daniel Hickey Group Chief Underwriting Officer

NEW YORK, June 11, 2018 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- **AmTrust Financial Services, Inc.** (Nasdaq:AFSI) (the "**Company**" or "**AmTrust**") today announced that J. Daniel Hickey has taken on the role of Group Chief Underwriting Officer.

Mr. Hickey joined AmTrust in July 2017 as Executive Vice President, Business Strategy and Business Development. Over the past year, Mr. Hickey has overseen the Company's business strategy planning function, and been responsible for AmTrust's business development, identifying and managing key partner relationships, as well as organic business opportunities available to AmTrust throughout its global business platform.

In his new role, Dan will oversee the Company's global underwriting activities, ensuring a consistent and disciplined underwriting approach that is aligned with the Company's strategic objectives.

Prior to joining AmTrust, Mr. Hickey served at PartnerRe, a global reinsurer, as Executive Vice President and Head of the Standard Lines business unit where he had executive leadership, strategic planning and underwriting responsibilities for the unit. Prior to PartnerRe, Mr. Hickey was at General Reinsurance Corporation, a provider of reinsurance solutions to the Life/Health and Property/Casualty insurance industries, most recently in the role of President - North America Treaty Reinsurance.

Mr. Hickey is based at AmTrust's New York City headquarters and reports directly to Barry Zyskind, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of AmTrust.

About AmTrust Financial Services, Inc.

AmTrust Financial Services, Inc., a multinational insurance holding company headquartered in New York City, 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.

Forward-Looking Statements

This news release contains certain forward-looking statements that are intended to be covered by the safe harbors created by the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. When we use words such as "anticipate," "intend," "plan," "believe," "estimate," "expect," or similar expressions, we do so to identify forward-looking statements. Examples of forward-looking statements include the plans and objectives of management for future operations, including those relating to future growth of our business activities and availability of funds, and estimates of the impact of material weaknesses in our internal control over financial reporting, and are based on current expectations that involve assumptions that are difficult or impossible to predict accurately and many of which are beyond our control. Actual results may differ materially from those expressed or implied in these statements as a result of significant risks and uncertainties, including, but not limited to, the occurrence of any event, change or other circumstances that could give rise to the termination of the merger agreement, including as a result of any downgrade in the A.M. Best Financial Strength Rating of the Company's insurance subsidiaries below "A", which risk may be heightened due to the fact that such ratings are currently "under review with negative implications" and that the Company has previously disclosed material weaknesses in its internal controls over financial reporting, the inability to obtain the requisite stockholder approval for the proposed merger or the failure to satisfy other conditions to completion of the proposed merger, risks that the proposed transaction disrupts current plans and operations, the ability to recognize the benefits of the merger, the amount of the costs, fees, expenses and charges related to the merger, non-receipt of expected payments from insureds or reinsurers, changes in interest rates, changes in tax laws, the effect 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,

our ability to timely and effectively remediate the material weakness in our internal control over financial reporting and implement effective internal control over financial reporting and disclosure controls and procedures in the future, access to public markets to raise debt or equity capital, 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, any inability to keep pace with technological advances, heightened competition, changes in pricing environments, changes in asset valuations and the results of legal proceedings, including litigation relating to the proposed merger. 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 news 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.

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